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where, are invited to attend a gen-
eral meeting of the above Associa-
tion at the College on TUESDAY,
the 5th June, at 6 p.m.
Hong Kong, 31st May, 1928.

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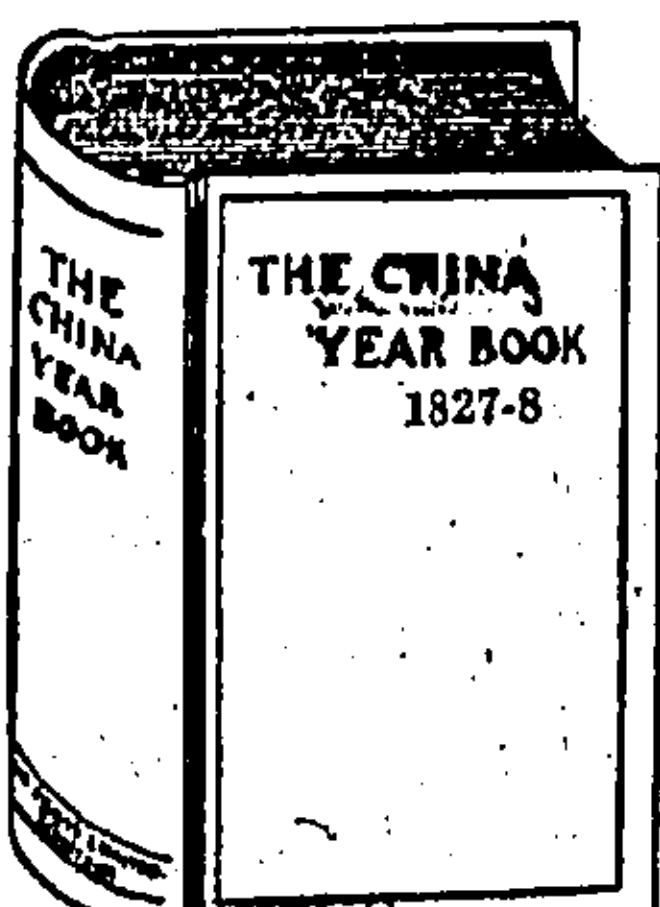
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June next, a CONSTANT SUPPLY
OF WATER WILL BE TURNED
ON in all Rider Main Districts
until further notice.

Supplies to Wharves in Victoria,
which were suspended in February
last, will also be restored at the
above-named date.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1928.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance
No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE
BANKS will be CLOSED for the
transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS
on MONDAY, the 4th June.
Hong Kong, 31st May, 1928.

NOTICE.

I HAVE appointed Mr. G. A. H.
POOTS as my attorney to act
for and on my behalf under the
style of ELLIS HAYIM, Share &
General Broker as from 1st June,
1928.

ELLIS HAYIM.
Hong Kong, 28th May, 1928.

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Ninth Extra Race Meeting.
SUNDAY, 3rd June, 1928.
First Race 1.30 p.m.

Public Enclosure .. 40 cents.
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SUI AN .. 8.30 a.m.
TAISHAN .. 9.30 a.m.
Macao to Hong Kong
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TAISHAN .. 6.30 p.m.
By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ANNUAL ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders of the above Com-
pany will be held at the Hong
Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on
THURSDAY, 7th June, 1928, at 12
noon for the purpose of receiving
the report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 30th April, 1928.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, 2nd June to FRIDAY,
8th June, 1928, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 28th May, 1928.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
the Company will be held at the
Office of the General Managers,
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 20th June, 1928,
at Noon for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors,
passing the Accounts, and electing
Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
18th June to 4th July, 1928, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers.
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1928.

"HANGMAN'S DIARY."

GRUESOME EVENTS IN FAR
OFF DAYS.

FIRST WOMAN HANGED.

The savage Middle Ages, when
women were not merely hanged for
murder, but frequently drowned or
beheaded, are graphically brought
to life in the Journal of Master
Franz Schmidt, Public Executioner
of Nuremberg, in Germany, from
1573 to 1617, which has been pub-
lished under the title "A Hang-
man's Diary" (Philip Allan &
Co., Ltd.). It is edited, with an
introduction, by Albrecht Keller,
and translated by C. Calvert, which
gives an account of criminal pro-
cedure in Germany in the Middle
Ages.

"The soul of the Middle Ages,"
writes Mr. Keller, "is laid bare be-
fore us. Here a young girl hopes
to fete the affections of a youth
by a love potion, there a woman
seeks to make her man invulner-
able, even proof against torture, so
that he shall utter no confession.
A merry farce of Hans Sachs
lives again when a rogue professes
to have come from Venusberg."

There are 300 entries in the
Diary relating to executions by
Master Franz Schmidt, but the
number of executions he records is
much larger. One entry sometimes
covers four or five executions.

The following are some of the en-
tries, relating chiefly to women:—
Savage Crimes.

No. 9. Wastel Pennas, of Leuch-
tenberg, a butcher and thief, who
also sold dogs' flesh as mutton,
hanged at Rotkirch.

No. 14. Hans Peyhel, or Forch-
heim, who committed three murders
with his companion; beheaded with
the sword at Forchheim and exposed
on the wheel. Two years ago
I cut off his ears and flogged him
at Herzog Aurach.

No. 25. Apollonia Voglin, of
Lehrberg, who murdered a child.
She gave birth to an infant at the
farm of her master, and killed it,
executed by drowning at Lichtenau.

No. 34. Eberla Eckhardt (a
young person) of Nuremberg, a
thief as a favour beheaded stand-
ing, with the sword here in
Nuremberg.

No. 43. Margaret Dorfmerin (50
years old) from Ebermannstadt,
Elizabeth Erustin (22 years old)
from Anspach, Agnes Lengin (22
years old) of Auberg, three child
murderesses. All three, behead-
ed with the sword as murderers
and their heads nailed above the
great scaffold, no woman having
been beheaded before this (January
26, 1580) at Nuremberg. I and the
two priests, namely Master
Eucharius and Master Lienhardt,
Krieg, brought this about, as the
three bridges were already pre-
pared, because they should all three
have been drowned.

Tortures of the Age.
No. 50. Margaret Beckin, a
citizen of Nuremberg, who murder-
ed another woman also a citizen,
called "The Treasurer's wife."

She struck her on the head from
behind with a chopper. Led out to
execution on a tumbrell, her body
nipped thrice with red-hot tongs,
then beheaded with the sword,
standing; her head fixed on a pole
above and her body buried under
the gallows.

No. 55. Christoff Hanck, alias
the Fiddling Cobbler, from Neuen-
stadt on the Aysch, a shoemaker,
by trade, also a fiddler and drum-
mer and a great thief; he also
played the jester at the town fes-
tival; hanged at Nuremberg, took
leave of the world as a Christian.
Had been spared the gallows
twelve years before at Culmbach.

No. 61. Michael Passelt of
Sultzbach, a purse-maker's hand,
who was wedded both to his mis-
tress, called Maglin, and her
daughter. . . . Beheaded with the
sword here in Nuremberg; his body
afterwards burnt.

No. 62. Catherine Bucklin, a
native of Burckenstatt, formerly
called "Stamlet Kathra" and "the
foreigner," whom my father for-
merly whipped out of the town of
Preseck with rods. Lately, con-
sorting with thieves and robbers,
formed a band of sixteen, attacked
people by night at Mossfuhl, at
Esterfeld and at the mill near
Wurzberg, also at Puhel and
Hennau and many other places.
Bound their victims, tortured, beat
and wounded them, forced and ex-
torted money from them, robbed

them and stole their clothes. Be-
headed with the sword at Nurem-
berg.

First Woman Hanged.

No. 77. Maria Kurschnerin of
Nuremberg, alias Silly Mary, who
had formerly been whipped out of
the town with rods and had her
ears cropped, also Katherine
Schwertzin of Weber, alias Coun-
try Kate, who had also formerly
been whipped out of the town; both
thievish youths and fellows broke
into citizens' houses and stole a
mighty quantity of things; both
hanged at Nuremberg. It was an
unheard of thing for a woman to
be hanged in Nuremberg, and it
had never yet (1584) happened.

No. 78. Hennsa of Geyzelwind,
alias the Fat Lad; Hennsa Pallaut
of Hernda; Kitlian Wurmb of
Virnsbach, alias Backend; Hans
Schober of Weher, alias Fulferia;
and Hennsa Klopfer of Reigels-
dorf; five thieves who, with the
previously executed "Silly Mary,"
and "Country Kate," had burgled
and stolen, (they had also former-
ly been whipped out and put in the
stocks ten times). They had to
be clothed, for they were naked and
bare; some of them knew no prayers
and had never been in a
church; the eldest were twenty-
two, seventeen, sixteen, and fifteen
years old, the youngest thirteen
years. All five hanged here in
Nuremberg.

Unheard of Procedure.

No. 92. Hans Hoffmann of
Obersdorf, a thief who stole
clothes from the sick in the lazaret,
and had broken the Ban (order of
banishment) six times. Because
he was caught in the act at the
lazaret, an honourable council
ordered the sentence to be read in
front of the lazaret by a town-
beadle. He was then led out to the
place of execution and hanged;
such a proceeding had never been
heard of before.

No. 93. Four burglars hanged.
—Ex.

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6	5.38	7.05
7	5.38	7.06
8	5.38	7.06
9	5.38	7.07
10	5.38	7.07
11	5.38	7.07
12	5.38	7.07
13	5.38	7.08
14	5.38	7.08
15	5.38	7.08
16	5.38	7.09
17	5.38	7.09
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20	5.39	7.10
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22	5.39	7.10
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THE NEW BUILDING.

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When the new Lloyd's building was opened by the King a few weeks ago, a brief history of the Corporation appeared in "The Journal of Commerce." It is not necessary to outline this great canvas again, except to say that the authors have dug up some entirely new data on the origin of Edward Lloyd and his coffee house, presenting a fascinating picture of business and trade in those days.

Naturally a gigantic task such as this history could not have been solely completed by two men even of the industry and energy of Mr. Wright and Mr. Foyle. They called in the aid of other generous helpers, and amongst them we notice Messrs. Coutts, Colonel Frank-D-Watney, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. Justice Mackinnon, Colonel A. N. St. Quinton, O.B.E., Mr. Gilbert Felce, Mr. P. G. Mackinnon (chairman of Lloyd's), Mr. Thomas Devereux (chief clerk), Mr. J. M. Mackie, (superintendent of the rooms), Mr. Burghie and Mr. Boxford. It is not the story of what Lloyd's was as much as a clear explanation of what Lloyd's is to-day that gives this volume its real modern value. Chapter twenty-one starts this part of the book, where the work of Lloyd's and the Salvage Association is described. Another very illuminating chapter is "Lloyd's in the Great War." "Lloyd's To-Day" covers the mechanism of the Corporation from 1871 to 1927, touching upon the work of Mr. F. W. Marten and large scale underwriting and that of Mr. Cuthbert Heath in the growth of non-marine business. The Corporation is a permanent symbol covering an ever-changing body of members.

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H.M.S. "CORNWALL"

May.—The maiden commission of the new cruiser "Cornwall," which is due to leave Devonport for ultimate service on the China Station with sister ships of her class, looks like being particularly interesting. Having completed all her trials, she is now being given the finishing touches in Dockyard hands, and when she leaves on her first period of service she will carry away tangible proof of the kindly interest taken in her by the people of the county whose name she bears. Cradled and completed within sight of the Cornish hills, she has all the indications of being a happy ship. A movement is on foot among the women of Cornwall to present her with a white silk ensign, and some idea of the quality and size of such an ensign can be gathered from the fact that it is estimated to cost £145. If there is any money over after the ensign charges have been met it will go towards the equipping of a drum and fife band in the "Cornwall." There are many ships in the British Navy which carry presentation trophies, and gifts of one sort and another, such as silver plate from the places in the country whose name the ship bears. The last "Cornwall," for example, was given a very fine silver shield for competition among the gun crews. That shield is now in possession of the new cruiser, for following the usual custom, it has been handed down to the new ship and will be periodically competed for as among the crews of the former "Cornwall." The "Cornwall" will have the proud distinction of representing the British Navy at the August celebrations at Honolulu to mark the anniversary of the discovery of the Sandwich Islands.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Takliwa" left port yesterday afternoon, and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 11 a.m., left Shanghai to-day at 8 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki to-morrow at noon.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlomond" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on May 29, and is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nankin" left Singapore for this port with the Mails, and is due here on June 5 at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on May 28 at 9 p.m., left Yokohama on May 29 at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on June 4. She will sail for Manila on June 6 at 6 p.m.

The M/V "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on May 7, and is due here on or about June 16.

The M/V "Dahli" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on May 18, and is due here on or about June 17.

GERMAN SHIPPING.

THE HAPAG-LLOYD
NEGOTIATIONS.

FURTHER STAGE.

A further stage has been reached in the interesting situation between the Hamburg-America Line and the Norddeutscher-Lloyd, in regard to which full details were published in "The Journal of Commerce" of April 4, a semi-official statement having been issued to the Press on behalf of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd. This, as quoted by the "Berliner Tageblatt," is as follows:—"From an authoritative Bremen source we are informed that in connection with the release of German property in America, out of which both the Norddeutscher-Lloyd and the Hamburg-America Line will receive a large sum of money, conversations of a completely non-committal and purely personal character have taken place and are being continued between representatives of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd and the Hapag with a view to the avoidance of a superfluous and irrational use of this money in the business, and building policy of the two companies."

No kind of positive result has so far been reached in these negotiating preliminary conversations. Press reports in a contrary sense mentioning negotiations extending beyond the limits already indicated are not in accordance with the facts. The rumour "as to the discussion about the cession to the Hapag of one of the 46,000 ton ships now under construction for the Norddeutscher-Lloyd, has absolutely no foundation."

The wording of this "communiqué," as will be observed, is extremely cautious. The fact that negotiations between the two companies are taking place is admitted, but their non-binding character is emphasised. The definite denial of the rumour as to the cession of one of the Lloyd's new 46,000-ton steamers to the Hapag, is the subject of criticism in the German Press. The "Berliner Tageblatt," for example, describes it as merely the expression of the point of view of the Lloyd. Other journals declare that the question of the limitation of ships of gigantic tonnage must necessarily form part of any negotiations as those which are now taking place, as otherwise there is a very serious risk of the North Atlantic berth becoming overloaded with such vessels.

So far no statement on the matter has been issued on behalf of or inspired by the Hamburg-America Line.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK."

EN ROUTE FOR CHINA TO
RELIEVE H.M.S. "CARLISLE."

London, Yesterday.
H.M.S. "Suffolk" has left Portsmouth for China to relieve H.M.S. "Carlisle."—Reuter.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

The Hague, Yesterday.
Queen Wilhelmina is to give a gala dinner party and a reception at the Palace at Amsterdam on the occasion of the opening of the Olympic Games when she returns from her trip abroad.—Reuter.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
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KEYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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KASHMIR	8,865	28th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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*NELLORE	8,853	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RAJPUTANA	16,568	20th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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IN SWEDEN.

HIGHER DUTIES ON IRON AND STEEL?

The Swedish Board of Commerce is obtaining the view of the various interested parties concerning recommendations made by an expert iron and steel committee in favour of an increase in the import duties on certain iron and steel products. Among others, the Shipbuilding Industry Association has presented to the board a statement representing the opinions of this particular industry. While supporting the suggested higher duties, the association does so subject to the State simplifying the prevailing regulations respecting the refund of Customs duties, which are stated to be applied in a too limited and formal manner.

The association at the outset disputes the assertion of the expert committee that the proposed increase in the duties, on the whole, would not affect the shipbuilding industry. This is by no means the case, as the industry also consumes Swedish material to a large extent. A quantity of materials for machinery and boilers, together with those required for fixtures and equipment, is bought regularly in Sweden, and Swedish iron and steel is also used for repair work, and the consumption of these materials by the shipyards has shown a definite tendency to increase in recent years.

Moreover, the association states that the suggested new import duties would increase the cost of a lot of the building, machinery, quay and transport appliances used in connection with the yards. Thus, there is no Customs refund on cranes required for new slips, and the same is the case with the large consumption of framework, rails, angles, &c. It is also feared that the higher duties would render difficult the resumption of activity at the few shipyards which are now practically at a standstill owing to foreign competition, which, in consequence of difficult credit conditions, have reduced possibility of buying materials for stock, &c., and which are dependent upon the purchase of Swedish material to a far greater extent than the larger yards at present in activity.

In this connection it is maintained that dumping of material for the shipyard industry in general does not take place. In reality this industry has not any opportunity to cover its requirements in iron and steel at lower prices than those which the expert committee mention as prevailing for German inland consumption, which country is practically the sole supplier of iron and steel to the Swedish yards.

Burden of Credits.

The association then proceeds to discuss the difficulties connected with the Customs refund restrictions and their application. The financial liquidity of the industry, it is said, is not only burdened by the large credits which the yards are compelled to grant to customers, but also by the substantial security which the yards have to furnish to the Customs authorities so as to be able to avoid paying the duties on materials entitled to Customs refund. The security ties up considerable liquid funds, whether provided in cash or bank guarantee.

Thus, one Swedish yard has had to provide security for 1,600,000 kr., a second for 1,000,000 kr., and a third for 650,000 kr. Through the higher duties this security would be further increased, and therefore still further burden the economic conditions of the yards. After complaining of the extraordinary demands made as to the high quality of the security, the association submits that the Customs refund regulations have been applied in many cases in such a restrictive manner that despite the presentation of proofs that the material was entitled to refund of the duty, such refund has been refused. These and other conditions are claimed to represent unnecessary imposts on the shipyard industry without at the same time yielding increased receipts to the State or affording native interests protection of any importance.

Nevertheless, the association supports the proposal of the expert committee. In order, however, to counterbalance the difficulties which would be caused to the industry through the higher duties, the association recommends the grant of certain facilities in the application of the refund system. In the first place, it is suggested that the security should be fixed at a lower amount than hitherto and that its nature should not be higher than what occurs in the case of deliveries to the State; that a more liberal interpretation should be given to the right of refund of duties; and that the duty-free import of machinery for the shipyards should be extended so as also to comprise cranes and machinery for equipment, bridges and quays and to machines used in the shipyard workshops, provided they do not exceed 8 metric tons in weight.

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A set of very fine lantern views illustrating native life in the mountainous territory of New Guinea was shown recently at a meeting of the Royal Anthropological Society, Singapore, by the Rev. F. R. Bishop, who is the only Anglican clergyman in the whole territory. He explained that his mission is to the white officials, and as they are scattered about in the most remote places he had in the course of his pastoral visits an opportunity of seeing the natives of a great many almost unknown tribes.

He took his audience on a rapid tour of islands large and small scattered over a vast area of sea, up the Segi River (which interested him most), and to the newly discovered goldfields of New Guinea forty-five miles inland behind ranges of great mountains. He flew there to visit the gold miners from Australia, South Africa, and England, who live 6,000 feet above the sea in bitter cold and perpetual rain. In that horrible place, where there is neither bird, animal, or native life, only the miners and their native workers, he was welcomed by men from London and the South of England. At the nearest port which is developing with the gold fields the natives played football, enthusiastically with an indefinite number of men on either side, and an understanding that when the native police played they should always win, otherwise their victors were sure to be arrested.

Near Revall, the capital of mandated territory, with its street of native shops, police drawn from all parts of the territory, and its kindergarten schools where, because the pupils are also drawn from many tribes, the teachers and children speak pidgin English. He showed pictures of dancers wearing feather headresses, but said they now prefer to make their decorations of tissue paper. In a more remote place the natives accustomed to still more elaborate headresses for their ceremonial dances, now, whenever they have the chance, make them of newspapers.

Secret Societies. Mr. Bishop said he had been privileged to see the most famous of the secret societies who are called the Dook Dooks, and whose membership is confined to the natives of Cape Gazelle, their interests are wrapped up in the society but they are only allowed to hold their meetings during one month. These must be the most extraordinary of all the May meetings. For their dances they assume fantastic masks with a tall superstructure, and they wrap themselves in wreaths of bladed leaves till they look like ostriches.

The boys of another tribe when they perform their ceremonial dances pleat the loose flesh at the base of the spine and sew it into a pocket through which they thrust a spear, which has the appearance of a tail. Then they dance till they fall exhausted with the pain. On one of the islands lying on the Equator there was a pretty story that the women of the village went in February every year into the forest where they decorated themselves with flowers, then they returned to the village square to dance and sing, and the forest birds would come and sit on their shoulders. But this only happened in February.

In his journey for 250 miles up the Segi river, which is full of crocodiles, Mr. Bishop was told about the river people who twice a year go down to the sea to fill themselves with salt water. He was allowed to enter one of the huts where the boys of a certain tribe are kept during their weeks of inflation, and the Administrator was allowed to take away some of the sacred articles which were

carefully wrapped up lest the women should see them and die. Shaping the Baby's Head.

He photographed bald men who covered their heads with cassowary feathers, women who painted themselves all over with white clay as a sign of mourning, and mothers who bandage their babies' heads for the first three months to make them beautifully elongated. In a school of long-headed children he found one boy with a round head. The child's explanation of the odd shape was, "When I was a baby I was crossing and my mother was crossing too. So she took off the bandage and threw it away and said, 'Well, if you want to be an ugly baby, you can!'"

In the river village the mosquito pest was so bad that each family at sunset shut itself into a sausage-shaped bag, remaining there till sunrise. At the Government station 250 miles up the river mosquitoes sent the men to bed at sunset, and a violent thunderstorm visited them every night.

Mr. Bishop was amazed at the wonderful carving done by the people of the middle Segi, the animal and human figures they carved out of whole tree trunks and their astonishing use of colour. They had red, blue, and white paints of very fine quality. One of the oddest customs he met with in his travels was among the widows of a tribe in the Martin Valley, who make a practice of carrying about with them the skulls of their dead husbands, using them as drinking cups and in many other ways. They are supposed to do this until the man's death is avenged, for as the lecturer explained in all this territory no death is thought to be due to natural causes.

R.A.F. TOUR.

Perth, Yesterday. The four Air Force flying boats have arrived at Broome, with no mishaps.—Reuter.

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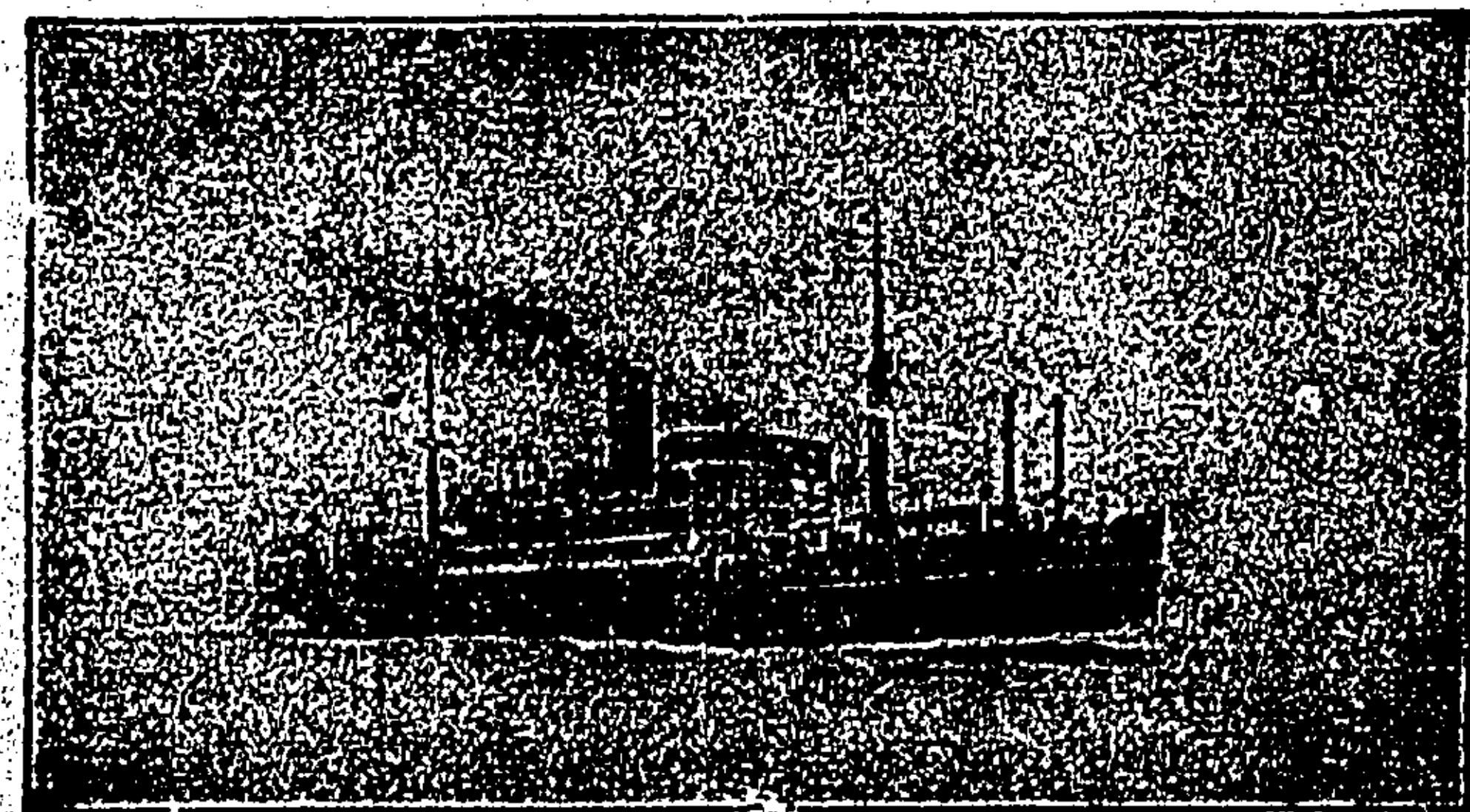
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H.C.—His Column.

For the first time in Didn't Like four years I attended It. Evenson at the Cathedral last Sunday, and must say that I do not consider the Service has been improved. I am no plarimist and do not imagine I can detect the "evil influence" of Rome in every little act or gesture that does not conform with strictly Low Church ideals, but, frankly, I do not like that processional business now in operation at St. John's. Also, while I am at it, I may add that I do not like to see all those candles blazing merrily away, and I do not like the way the Cross is toyed with. I do not think I shall go again.

Mention of the Cathedral in Harness dial reminds me that Again, our old friend Copley Moyie has lost no time in performing a job of work now that he is at home. My Daily Telegraph tells me that on April 28 he officiated at a wedding at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, the contracting parties being Mr. Jasper Scaven Blunt of the Royal Artillery, and Miss Doreen Marguerite Parsons, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parsons, of Pont-aux-Francais and Leigh, Surrey.

During that day last Those Chair week in which we had Coolies, well over three inches of rain it was impossible, whilst the downpour was at its height, to obtain a chair in Flower-street to take one as far, say, as the Police Station. The chairs were there, true enough, but many a coolie was to be seen. What

is the legal aspect of this matter? I think the chair bearers should be compelled to run the risk of losing their licence if they are discovered refusing to work. We all know the taxi-man's excuses—"waiting for a far's return," "just run out of petrol," "engine trouble,"—when he doesn't want to be employed. I suppose our chair coolies would think up something equally ingenious.

A refreshing contemporary Boshosity, any (not, this time, local) terms as boshosity the assertion of an English lady doctor that "an only child is a terrible monstrosity." I am inclined to agree with it (the paper, not the doctor). Moses, Mohomet and Julius Caesar were all in the "only child" class as were many other men and women of note whose names do not come readily to hand.

Mr. Mussolini, who put If They castor oil on the Italian Did. menu, frequently broadcasts sets of instructions to the people who allow him to dictate to them. Now, I see, he is demanding more children, though I seem to remember that little more than a year ago he was saying that over-population was Italy's most serious problem, or words to that effect. He wants numbers; but numbers do not necessarily mean strength or security. If they did China, with ten times the population of Italy, would be ruling the world instead of whirling the rulers.

A bad business, my A Bad masters, is this dis-Business, appearance of a maxim gun: from the deck of a British cruiser riding at the Naval Anchorage, more audacious an act than was the theft of a ship's propeller from a local dock the other day. As regards the missing gun, it would be easy, a friend tells me, for such an object to be removed by anyone who knew the habits of the watch aboard the vessel. My informant is an old Naval man and sailed these seas before Journalism took him into her all-embracing arms. On such a ship as the *Seppoy*, he says, there is but one watchman, a quarter-master, and it is generally the watchman's habit at a fixed time between midnight and two in the morning to repair to the galley and make himself some cocoa. And it is while he is away on this errand, my friend suggests, that anything like the removal of a gun, which is merely pivoted to a tripod and not clamped to the deck, could be effected.

The above, of course, is Cocoa, only a surmise by a person who "knows the ropes" aboard vessel in harbour here. I trust my friend is wrong, however; otherwise I may feel constrained to inaugurate an agitation for less time being spent on cocoa-making in the Navy. Let the lads, by all means, have their cocoa, but why not provide a large-sized thermos flask for the night-watch and obviate that visit to the galley? That gun must have cost forty pounds sterling; a thermos flask costs but a few bucks. But perhaps the cocoa had nothing to do with it. I think I had better drop the matter before I get involved.

This journal, I am told, Toujours has secured, with a de-l'Audace, gree of enterprise it is not my place to commend, a photograph of the skipper of the *Teon*, the Taikoo vessel which last had the honour of being pirated. I haven't met the gentleman yet, but in view of what is being said in our quarters, and among his coastal colleagues, I wonder what he thinks of the whole business. From what I can make of it those pirate johnnies were daring until the end, and how they simply paddled away practically under the eyes of a man of war beats common understanding.

Incidentally, I made a Now You few inquiries during the Know. week among people who would be supposed to know all about it. A Captain, I would have liked to see was away from his office, and a Commander I did see said a lot without saying anything at all, if you know what I mean. The real "dope" came from a Marine. "Dye" think," he said, pityingly, "that if the Old Man knew what they found out at the enquiry he would tell you! Them sort of things go straight to the Admiralty—we can't talk about 'em." So there you are, which leads me to believe that the first we'll hear of anything that took place will come via Reuters, if it strikes them as worth sending, or via the Home papers. If there's anything in it at all you may depend that Commander Kenworthy, late of the Silent Service, will have a lot to say about it. We must be patient.

"Our Taipo corres- From Taipo. pondent" whose remark regarding the "Anopheles Maternity Home" in his district may always be relied upon to raise a laugh, has his subject—or is it his object?—fully at heart. He sends me a cutting to the effect that Salford, a suburb of Manchester, is setting a fine example in teaching the people the laws of health. Exhibits and object lessons on infection, food purity, and golden rules are shown in the windows of the health offices and changed weekly. Hong Kong, adds the worst-liked man who uses the railway, please copy. Which reminds me that this journal, some little while ago advocated something similar, something in the way of pictures of giant-sized mosquitoes to be displayed at the Ferry and other places where the public

congregate. The Taipo Topicalist goes on to say that he observed when in the Straits recently that the authorities there have various kinds of illustrated placards, explained in four languages, dealing with flies, hookworms and mosquitoes.

Why, I wonder, are books All Red. of reference, nearly always bound in red? I look along my shelf and see from the *Foreign Office List* to *Odgers on Libel and Slander* and from *Who's Who in America* to the current *Whitaker's*. All red covered. There must be a reason for it.

Well, the Great Blameless. Pyramid failed to do its stuff, didn't it? We are all still here, a little older than we were a week ago, a little further in debt, perhaps, a little wiser, but—still carrying on as before. Which is a disappointment to many. The week that has gone and which was to witness, according to the Pyramidal prophets, something startling, passed off quite ordinarily so far as most folks were concerned. I, personally, consider it a wonderful week, but the Great Pyramid had nothing to do with that!

Just as the simplest way Do You of taxing a people is to Wonder? institute a poll-tax, so the simplest way of governing a people, it seems, is to institute, and keep on instituting, ordinances. I do not like to see so many of them, but what I like less is to see the way some of them are carried out. These bonded warehouse summonses are mere pinpricks, but they are very irritating whilst doing no good. Then there is that wonderful printing and publishing ordinance. I hear now that the authorities require Chinese firms printing envelopes to add their imprint. So are our laws interpreted.

A refreshing thought Calfskin, these "sticky" days—is that, even in our winter period, we mere males are not troubled to a great extent by the fur coat problem. Up north they are, but if they know the ropes the menfolk can obtain their skins cheaply. Which reminds me of a fragment I saw in the "Golden Treasury" or maybe somewhere else—

I'd like, if I were able,
To buy you coats of sable
Or mink or seal or ermine
white as snow.
But they're so simulated
Copied and imitated
That which is which the experts
only know.

The furrier's a deceiver:
He synthesizes beaver.
Raccoon and otter, fox and
Persian lamb;
I'd like to buy them for you,
To prove how I adore you;
But I can't tell the real from
the sham.

Why, even rat and coney
Are very often phony
You'd hate an imitation fur,
I vow,
But I've found something flossy
In Genuine Old Bossey—
I know it's right because I know
the cow.

"NUT" THAT'S KNOWN AS FILBERT.

Oh the people on the Peak Think it most unholly cheek If you criticise or chip them or compare them to "the rest" But when unkneesy nose females Take exception to their "hemales" Tho' it sells the evening paper—Why it ought to be suppressed. On their own fonic lar train You must never breathe a d-n If a pup should spill your crepe de chine or lick your "plebby" hand. You should discipline your spleen And enjoy the nicotins From the pipe that's just to windward as you ride to Promised Land. So if you've got the pip And your purse allows a trip In search of honest grouches don't go 'bove 600 feet Keep your level and I say Take the tram to Causeway Bay When the smells will paralyze you and let's hope your dreams are sweet.

There's a "nut" that's known as filbert And (with apologies to Gilbert!) I'd compare it to the writer on the Evening Telegraph Who wrote such awful tripe About the knees and dogs and pipe In the hope of "starting something"—then the Herald "blew the gaff."

D. O. G. O'Ball.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THEIR GOOD WORKS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] Dear Sir,—Mrs. Woods and her two daughters, the Misses Allen and Doris Woods, have found it expedient to leave the Colony, to start their work afresh in Vancouver.

A few friends have already collected a sum of money which was given to them before they left, as a token of appreciation.

It has been felt that in view of their unselfish and unsparring efforts on behalf of many Charities, and in connection with general entertainment work in the Colony and elsewhere, there must be many who recognise their good work, and to whom an opportunity should be given of showing their appreciation in a practical manner.

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"SKYLARKING."

GUARDSMEN AND A FEW CHINESE GIRLS.

Accused of having assaulted Mr. J. Hau, sub-officer of the Kowloon Fire Station, at the Lai Chi-kok bathing beach, on May 13, Guardsman John Duncan of the Scots Guards, appeared before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, yesterday afternoon.

The complainant said that the defendant and five other soldiers molested some of the girls of his party. He complained and the accused struck him several times.

Pleading "not guilty," the accused said that he and his "pals" were only "skylarking" and joking among themselves, and that the girls appeared annoyed with them, for what reason he could not say. The complainant struck him, so he retailed.

His Worship warned the defendant and his friends against "skylarking" with Chinese girls. "Skylarking" in this country, he said, was likely to be misunderstood.

BANK OF FRANCE.

BIG DECREASE IN ADVANCES.

Paris, Yesterday.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of Frs. 600,000,000 in Bank advances to the State.—Havas.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

Mr. M. K. Lo cross-examined at length Mr. Lau Sheuk-chong, one of the Chinese press censors at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, yesterday at the remanded hearing of the case against the "Hong Kong Sun Po," which was summoned for publishing two articles on May 9 and 10 without having submitted them to the censor.

Lt.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., adjourned the case till next Thursday afternoon.

TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.
TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer, but not always so easily solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page thirteen.

1. What is the capital of the Hong Kong Tramways Ltd?

2. Who won the last Elton-Harrow match?

3. Who are the general managers of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.?

4. What did the Great War cost the British Empire?

5. How much was this per capita?

6. If it doesn't rain hard to-day, how will you know who won all the tennis matches?

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

BLOUSES ARE AN IMPORTANT CHOICE.

The Spring Mode Presents a Varied Array of Blouses in Novel Designs to Accompany Smart Ensembles.



The blouse has once more made an important place for itself in the mode. Forgotten and neglected for several seasons, it has emerged from retirement with new details to add to its interest.

There are all sorts of blouses to intrigue the eye. There are tailored models for the suit and there are softly feminine blouses for the daytime and costume blouses that fit into a more formal scheme of things sartorially.

Casualness is much featured. To certain models an unusual sleeve gives it its greatest individuality while in others bias folds and odd necks create the necessary interest. White, pink and banana shades are much used in satin designs.

Crepe de Chine, satin crepe and georgette are also much worn and they generally harmonize with the ensemble. Moire, as it is used in Paris models, has an altogether new softness. It gives the appearance of being more supple and is featured in collarless necklines or in the coat silhouette. White, peach, blonde or red are favourite shades in the moire overblouse of smart distinction.

Blouses come in all types from the very simple kind that tucks in at the skirt to the elaborate models that are almost an entire dress.

Embroidery and drawnwork are much used as trimming. Buttoned effects in the taffleur are very chic, and the trimming of the material used in the suit adds a new touch of an ensemble nature that heightens the note of individuality.

The formal blouse is often seen in georgette, frequently coming well down the length of the skirt. They always harmonize with the ensemble. In some cases they create a contrast with the skirt.

A general note in blouses is the fact that they aspire to a happy medium. They are seldom too tailored and never fussy. Necklines are as varied as they can be. Geometric seamings, banding, tucking and applique are all smart features of the blouse. Some are belted, others present a straight silhouette, while others show a bow and sash arrangement that is very new and chic. Colour contrasts in the blouses will be featured and the buttons—so often of crystal—are important.

Dorothy Mackall, whose spring wardrobe is showing many interesting innovations, will be seen wearing one of the newest blouses in First National's new film, "Lady Be Good." Miss Mackall's blouse is of cream satin, smartly belted and is worn with a skirt of navy blue. It creates one of the most interesting of the spring appearances.

NEW ENSEMBLES PICTURESQUE.

The new ensembles are distinctly picturesque. They are much less ordinary than the ensembles of last season. The "matching" note is still present, but it is often very subtle. A careless observer might almost suppose that the dress and coat, or wrap, had been ordered separately and combined casually, but this is not so. Immense care is taken to bring the separate parts of the costume into artistic line. Even the smallest detail of the toilette is thought out, and by skilled artists.

Linings More Decorative.

Though we still find very fascinating street costumes in which the dress material is used for the coat lining, giving a gay and picturesque effect when the coat is thrown open, the still newer idea is to repeat the note of the dress tint in a touch of embroidery on the coat lining, or in lengths of ribbons, joined by metallic threads, to form the hem of the lining, the same note of colour being repeated on the hat trimming.

More than ever we have to consider carefully our handbags, umbrellas, handles, cigarette cases and ornaments—very especially the latter. The new ornaments, such as chains, brooches and the like, are incrustated with semi-precious stones and designed to go with

each individual costume. A very expensive fashion this, but artistic.

Coats With a Cape Effect.

One of the most famous dress designers in the Rue de la Paix is showing spring wrap coats which give a cape effect at the back—the cape attached to the shoulders and falling quite straight to the knees, or even to the hem of the coat.

In the same showrooms I saw several genuine cape models, two of circular design, and made of ribbed velvet with linings of printed crepe de Chine. One of these capes was moonlight-blue with a lining of blurred roses on a smoke-grey ground. The dress which was to go with this cape was moonlight-blue charmeuse, and the turban-toque smoke-grey Japanese straw with a large shaded rose placed at one side, far down over the ear.

Cape that Gives Shimmering Line.

A wonderful set of ornaments had been designed to accompany this ensemble—a long chain of dark blue enamel plaques, divided by pink topaz stones and tiny silver balls. A dark blue leather sack had a mount to match the chain, and it was lined with smoke-grey suede. The cape was fashioned like a Spanish cape, and could, at will, have one end thrown over the shoulder. At other times it could be cleverly draped about the figure from the inside, giving a beautifully slender silhouette. Villiers, Paris, in "Daily Mail."

WINTER SPORTS COSTUMES ARE AMAZINGLY ALLURING.

Clothes For Active And Spectator Purposes Are Specially Designed And Colourfully Executed. Chic Outfits Are Essential for Spirited Winter Sports.



Colourful effects are best achieved in the accessories. All sorts of colours and colour combinations are used to suit the taste. All white is extremely popular also.

Once again the season for spirited winter sports has rolled around and once again has Paris seen to it that these health-giving and glowing sports are gaily and suitably costumed. There are a world of charming outfits individually suited to the various sports to be selected in the shops. And while some range high in price there are very alluring winter costumes to be seen in moderately priced sports clothes.

The winter sports clothes should be grouped in two very distinct ways. There are always spectators to the various winter activities. Here there is, in a way, a wider range of clothes to choose from and a more liberal choice permitted. The individual taste may be satisfied. The active participant, on the other hand, must cast a careful eye on the suitability of her wardrobe and while these clothes are made as attractive as possible they do not always permit the colourful selection of the mere onlooker.

Warmth of course is a prime factor in selecting clothes. There is no fun in either witnessing or taking part in winter sports when one is even slightly chilly. Consequently everything worn must be of either woollen or, in coats, of fur or leather.

FASHIONS FROM PARIS.

Paris.—"When in doubt wear black" has come to be a universal rule among the gentler sex, for one's always safe in a smart black gown, no matter what the occasion.

This is especially true of the black evening frock which, year after year and season after season, holds its own against all comers, no matter how alluring their colouring. In velvet or satin, taffeta, georgette, chiffon or lace, it is the most useful of all evening gowns, universally becoming, appropriate for any evening function and equally suited to young or old. It is, therefore, the first evening frock which the smart woman orders for the spring season and it is the one to which the couturiers give their greatest care and attention. For the first time in years, there is a rival of this popular garment in the field, though how formidable a rival time alone can tell. This is the evening gown in navy-blue which is being shown by any number of the designers who advance the theory that it is a bit younger in character than the black.

Laces both in the heavier varieties and in the fine Chantilly, combined with chiffon or georgette, is the favourite material for the new black evening frock. Net with chenille dots is also used combined with satin or taffeta, and both taffeta and satin are also popular materials for the plain untrimmed frocks. But let us see what two or three of the big houses have to show us.

Mme. Havet, of the House of Agnes, has a very distinguished frock in black crepe satin made with a godet skirt which dips at

The knitted suit is an extremely popular choice for spectator purposes and comes in all sorts of colours and colour combinations and is in one or two pieces according to taste. Heavy knitted fabrics of a tweed-like surface are also seen as well as the jerseys and kashas. These in their colourful simplicity are utterly charming. Coats in gaily patterned wools, richly furled are also worn accompanied by diminutive felt hats, woollen gloves or fur-lined ones—woollen stockings and waterproof shoes. Sport fur coats are always good and this season shows some interesting furs of a stunning simplicity.

For aking the regulation suit of gabardine or tweed, with coat and knickers, flannel shirt, knitted wool gloves, stockings and ski boots are seen usually in dark tones—blue being preferred. A flaring touch of colour is permitted in the scarf, of course.

Skating permits of more colourful costumes. The short, pleated or circular skirt is essential and the windbreaker or heavy sweater in gay colours is a happy addition while the knitted cap and scarf are usually slightly colourful. All sorts of interesting colour combinations are seen. But it is an interesting fact that the sports costumes themselves, in nearly all

branches of winter sports, are fairly dark in tone. The accessories are the light and gay tones that make so colourful a picture against snowy backgrounds. Scarfs, caps, sweaters, mittens and kerchiefs are nearly always gaily coloured and beautifully decorated in designs of bizarre appeal.

White is always effective—by itself or in contrast to darker tones. It is particularly good in combination with dark blue. Red, yellow and orange lend themselves beautifully to combinations with the neutral tones usually selected for the sport suit itself.

Colleen Moore, whose love for winter sports is satisfied upon her trips East, selects her sports costumes with genuine skill. Miss Moore, finding colourful effects best achieved in accessories, leans towards browns and tans with occasional navy blues for the costumes and in flaming shades for trimming. All white, too, is a favourite of Miss Moore. In the First National picture, "Her Wild Oat," Miss Moore is seen in a winter outfit that is extremely charming. It possesses a heavy knitted sweater of white, knitted cap and mittens of white worn with a dark woollen skating costume.

the back and with a long V reaching nearly to the waist at the back of the bodice, from the point of which hangs a big bow of the satin with ends that reach almost to the ankles. Another black frock is of chiffon with a skirt which has a full front embroidered around the bottom with two rows of scallops in jet paillettes and with the same embroidery on the full cape at the back of the bodice.

A black lace frock in this same collection is made with a graceful drooping skirt and floating draperies from the back of the shoulders and a narrow band of rhinestones outlining the transparent yoke and extending down one side of the skirt. This collection also includes one of the new navy-blue frocks in heavy silk lace with a deep cape at the back of the bodice, a skirt in graceful uneven points and a bit of embroidery in bright sapphire-blue beads on either side of the waistline at the front.

Martial and Armand has several evening frocks in crisp black taffeta which are very youthful and chic. There is one which has a full skirt with a deep embroidered border in steel beads which also extends up one side to a big choux of the silk which is placed at the waistline and a bodice which is cut in a deep V at both the front and the back, outlined with the same steel embroidery.

Another has a tight underskirt with a band of steel embroidery around the bottom and a full overskirt edged with chiffon and a surprise bodice trimmed with a narrow band of the embroidery ending in a choux at the side. There are several evening frocks of black chiffon or georgette embroidered

in bands of strasse, and one is embroidered in tiny silver and coral-coloured beads. The lace frocks are very dainty with rhinestone shoulder straps and a big bow of taffeta or satin at the side. The navy-blue evening frock in this collection is of taffeta, swathed tightly around the figure and bunched in a big bow at one side.

Mme. Georgette has a charming assortment of these black evening gowns, beautifully made with little touches which give them individuality. A very simple one in black chiffon is particularly youthful, being made with a skirt scalloped around the edge, a graceful drape at the side held with a big bunch of pink roses and a rounded neck with long ties at the back. A black taffeta, which is also scalloped around the bottom, is draped at the side with a big choux of pink and black taffeta with fringed edges and has a diagonal neckline with one shoulder-strap of rhinestones.

A lovely little frock in black chiffon has a skirt made of layers and layers of rounded petals arranged in an uneven helix and a bodice which is cut straight across both front and back with long ties floating at the back and a bright red flower perched on the shoulder. Another lovely frock is in black Chantilly lace made with a long bodice and full skirt with a very novel touch in the form of a long scarf of pale pink chiffon which is around the throat and hangs in two long ends, finished with insets of the lace to the bottom of the skirt at the back. Mme. Georgette's navy-blue frock is in tulle with a skirt covered with long wisps of the lace and a big choux of the same material at the side held by a huge red flower.

THE FORMAL BOUFFANT FROCK.

From Teatime Until the Supper Club the Picturesque Robe de Style Finds a Place of Importance in Mode.



Extending throughout many hours of the day, the robe de style of distinctive lines is finding a place of importance in the spring wardrobe. One very important reason for the popularity of the bouffant gown is the fact that it serves so many purposes well. It not only may be seen in somewhat informal effects when made of dark colours, but it may also gradually change its appearance until it is the most formal of dance gowns.

The afternoon or tea dress of taffeta, moire or heavy silk made along wide lines is extremely smart now that the mode has included longer skirts in her list of important points. In the lovely shades of blue, green, grey and beige or black, there is no more chic appearing afternoon or tea dress than that which uses the picturesque lines of the robe de style, toned down for informal occasions.

On the other hand, when the bouffant dress appears in the evening, colours lighten and brighten. Flowered taffeta, a favourite of the moment, is seen in some exceptionally smart formal gowns. Bows in trimmings play an important part and decorate both the draped and the bouffant gown with skilfully feminine lines.

Doris, Dawson, First National featured player, seen in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," appears to special advantage in a bouffant frock of distinctly feminine charm. It is girlishly simple in outline and is fashioned of watermelon pink gros de londre, shaded with silver and faced with silver cloth. Oak leaves in orchid and other pastel tones trim the skirt and snugly fitted bodice which achieves the appearance of décolletage through a fine meshed net yoke.

FLOWER SKULL CAPS: FLAT FEATHER TOQUES.

Weight: About 1 oz.

Close-fitting toques covered either with tiny flowers or with glycerine feathers have established themselves in the mode, though it was thought quite unlikely when they first appeared that they would have any lasting success.

These caps are made on foundations of a special kind of tricot net and have gussets of elastic let into the back so that they fit the head as closely as a wig. So light in weight are they that one feather "wig" which I had specially weighed in a West End saloon barely turned the scale at 1 oz.

Emphasising the Wig Effect.

In some of the feather caps—as in the one shown in the lower sketch of the accompanying illustration—the wig impression is emphasised by the arrangement of the cap feathers, which radiate from a "crown" at the back of the head. They sweep over the forehead like a fringe and are brought forward over the cheeks like sidewhiskers.

An Illusion of Wet Hair.

The general impression: quite often is of a wet and rather unkempt head of hair, yet—strangely enough—there is something unusually attractive about it.

The toque at the top is intended to be covered with tiny velvet flowers of nasturtium colourings.

It is cut up over one eyebrow and has a choux of satin and velvet ribbon in deeper shades at the left side.

A boutonniers of similar flowers is worn in the lapel of the coat.

People at one dance club the other night were wondering whether one woman was wearing a feather wig or whether it was her hair, when she solved the riddle by taking "it" off. No surprise need be felt when I say that it was the men of the party who showed the greater interest in the matter and who had the wig-headress handed round to them. It was of dark brown net covered wholly with

SPORTS CLOTHES.

For The Spectator.

The onlooker not only sees most of the game but is at times watched with considerably more interest than the business in hand. Paris couturiers realise this and have evolved a new type of outfit to meet the situation.

Clothes for the spectator follow the same simple and practical lines as those designed for the actual sportswoman, but they are treated with a somewhat freer hand.

Sleeves to Match.

Both ensembles shown in the sketch are examples of this particular mode and have a good deal in common. In each case the sleeves of the overcoat match the jumper—a feature of much importance at the moment—and the whole outfit in either case is carried out in that coarsely woven, thick flannel that is so chic just now for sports wear.

Bands of Stitching as Trimming.

The top sketch shows a beige dress with a broad band of stripes running diagonally across the front of the corsage following the line of the neck opening.

These stripes are straight lines of stitchery in fine jade green wool to match the coat. The sleeves are of beige flannel with similar stitchery and are finished with large cuffs of beige fox to match the collar.

Amber & Cream with Bleached Wolf.

The lower model is intended to be in that combination of amber and cream which is promised such a vogue for the sport later on. The jumper of the white frock is embroidered in coarse yellow wool to match the flannel coat.

Bleached wolf is used for the collar and cuffs in this case, and amber beads are an essential part of the outfit. Odette in "Daily Mail" collected dark brown glycerine feathers and snuggled on to the owner's head as trimly and closely as did her shingle-Jacqueline in "Daily Mail."

OUR HOMESIDE PICTURE SERVICE.



A CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.—H. H. Aga Khan's "Ranjit Singh" (M. Beary up).—(Sport and General).



A CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.—Capt. G. P. Gough's "Royal Minstrel" (J. Childs up).—(Sport and General).



CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.—Sir Lawrence Philipps' "Flamingo" (Elliott up).—(Sport and General).



CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.—Lord Astor's "Scatter" (Jelliss up).—(Sport and General).



SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL, APRIL 23.—The anniversary of the birth and death of William Shakespeare, celebrated at Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, the poet's birth place in traditional manner. The chief feature was the unfurling of the flags of many nations and the visiting of Shakespeare's house by numerous delegates and visitors, both English and foreign. General view of the delegate's procession leaving the birthplace (seen right).—(Sport and General).



A DELIGHTFUL BLACK AND WHITE SPRING OUTFIT.—The popularity of black and white ever exists, and nothing could be more chic than this three-piece-spring suit. The coat and skirt is of black charmelaine, while the white silk jumper, with the latest "V" neck-line, is effectively trimmed with bands of black charmelaine. A smart shiny close-fitting black straw hat with feather mount, and a white camella buttonhole complete a costume to be desired by many.—(Sport and General).



A CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.—Lord Derby's "Fairway" (favourite).—(Sport and General).



GENIAL TOM.—Tom Heene, the New Zealander challenger for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, has been promised by Tex Rickard a bout with Gene Tunney, the title holder.—(Sport and General).



MR. CHURCHILL'S BUDGET DAY.—"Something off the Breakfast Table."—The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his fourth successive, and in many respects, his most important—Budget to the House of Commons on April 24. Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by his daughter Diana, and his Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. R. J. G. Boothby, M.P., leaves No. 11, Downing-street, for the House of Commons to introduce his Budget. Mr. Churchill is seen, all smiles (centre) carrying his Budget, with Miss Diana Churchill and Mr. R. J. G. Boothby (left) walking through Whitehall on their way to the House of Commons.—(Sport and General).

Fashion News of the SPORT WORLD



Fashion scouts have been scouting around Paris and cables have been flying back and forth across the Atlantic, flashing the latest news of fashion as it affects the sport world for spring.

And how interesting and fascinating it is... containing all sorts of sparkling new and very choice information for American women who take their sports so strenuously and the matter of their sportswear so seriously.

Before we even begin to tell you about all the fascinating new things about spring sportswear, we want to tell you just how important the ensemble theme has become. It began its career several seasons ago and because of its chic and practicality, it has grown by leaps and bounds until now it appears at every smart sports occasion with equally smart nonchalance.

Tweed—that sturdy material, popular for centuries in Scotland—is the leader of a merry band of fabrics that go to make the charming costumes for both sports and travel wear. The tweeds that are smartest for spring, however, are not the small patterned woollens, rather the fine mixtures and plain cloths. For street wear, light-weight woollens are extremely important.

One and Two Piece Frocks. Whether you go in for active sports or are content merely to be a fashionable bystander, you will be interested to hear the news that the one and two-piece dresses are equally important. Three-piece jumper dresses are even more smart and are most informal in nature insofar as they are developed of novelty knitted, and woven fabrics.

While wandering about the fashion shops and ready-to-wear sections of the stores, we saw many interesting variations of the one-piece dress. One that parti-

cularly caught our eye was a white kasha which was applied in unusual modernistic designs in black. Another was a tan beige cashmere, accented by bandings of brown. Another dress that would be equally at home on the street or in the field of sports was a gray tweed with triangular insets of black. We also noticed one of rose beige wool crepe with insets of a darker shade. This darker shade appeared again around the neck and cuffs.

Feminine Note.

There is a decided feminine note struck in the woollen costumes for spring with the introduction of pastel tones. We saw a luscious violet blue woollen outfit. Another was in bright yellow.

For many seasons, points have made very serious attempts to enter the world of sports fashions. This year it is our guess that they have exceeded their fondest expectations for the reason that we see prints prominent in sports costumes. Sometimes the print fashions the coat, with a frock of plain material and in just as many cases the idea is reversed. Plain crepes in all the rough surfaces, such as pounce and shuntings, are self trimmed and extremely simple, yet utterly chic.

Cardigan Reappears.

When the Cardigan was introduced not so many seasons back, little did the world of fashion realise the heights of favour that it has apparently reached in the spring collections. Those for spring, however, are different, insofar as they are longer and belted and fit more snugly around the hips.

Others come with capes—and by the way, capes are one of the outstanding features of the 1928 spring sports wear. These little capes are often merely coverings for the shoulder, yet in many cases reach to the wrist. One of the smartest sports coats we noticed, had a cape that extended almost to

the hemline in back and was cut away from the front of the coat.

With the Cardigan and one and two piece frocks, huge scarfs of silk are thrown nonchalantly about the shoulder and appear in brilliant colours or in plain shades to harmonise with the costume with which they are worn. These squares can be folded to conform to oblong lengths or can be folded on the triangular and draped over one shoulder, either tied in back or front or on one shoulder.

Sweaters Important.

Sweaters are no longer an accessory to fashionable sports wardrobes. They have assumed the importance of a necessity. Sweaters are particularly favoured by debutantes and young matrons who take their golf and tennis seriously for they realise and appreciate the comfort of a sweater, to say nothing of its smartness.

The newest sweaters feature two-tone contrasts that are attained through stripes, sometimes encircling the shoulder and just as many times extending only half-way round. Diagonal effects seem just as important. A few lovely sweaters attained importance by the use of metallic stripes and gleaming threads.

Sports Jewellery.

The vogue for sports jewellery continues to be most important. Vivid colour effects are seen in jade green, lapis blue, rose and ruby shades and various shades of purple are combined in unique links of silver or gold. Sweater chokers are made of transparent stones in a large variety of colours. Crystal pins are introduced for sportswear and golden necklets, bracelets, brooches and earrings of the pendant type are exceedingly smart. Novel ornaments for sport hats are introduced in silhouettes of feminine figures playing tennis or golf. Serpent jewellery in both gold and silver and composed of several strands that are flexible, remain exceedingly smart.



"BUSTER."—Here is Buster Keaton as he appears in the new film, "The General," coming to Hong Kong shortly.



"THE SECRET STUDIO."—Another first-class picture soon to be seen here. Above are Clifford Holland and Olive Borden.



CLIFFORD AND OLIVE AGAIN. — With Ben Bard, all coming on the screen here in "The Secret Studio."

Narrowing The Toe a Spring Trend in Men's Footwear

The outstanding style development in men's footwear fashions is the trend toward the narrowed toe and custom lines.

You can recollect, no doubt, the time when shoes assumed tablet-top dimensions and "doggy" was the thing. But the old order changeth and the keen edge of style smartness trims down the toes until they resemble the higher priced custom made lasts.

This movement, however, is not carried to its extreme, and the medium broad toes will still prevail as popular models, especially among the young men. This change finds a synchronisation in the trend toward narrower trousers and is commendable because it creates harmony in one's turn-out.

Oxfords will predominate, and as the season advances toward warmer weather, weights will decrease so as to provide a full amount of foot comfort.

The real light shades of tan are being replaced by the richer looking, medium shades. Black is holding its own, and in several centres is becoming more popular. Patent leather will find some adherents in shoes for general wear.

The wing tip is staging a revival on shoes shown by some leading manufacturers, but is evidenced by simpler and smarter presentation. Neater stitching effects are also supplanting the heavy pinkings and perforations commonly associated with the balloon toe.

Heels find partisans for both rubber and leather. Individual preference makes the selection here and either will be in good taste. The higher heels promised for last season failed to materialise and so the medium height heel still supports the manhood of the country.

Shoes for Sports Wear.

All signs point toward a big sport season. Here your taste for colour can revel in the black and white, tan and white, and two-tone

combinations. Soles will be either of rubber or leather. The golfer who longs for a solid foothold in anticipation of a long and mighty drive will instantly select the spike sole shoe.

The wide-spread use of reptiles finds a foothold in men's sports shoes and is shown quite frequently in alligator grain.

For informal evening wear with dark sack suits, black calf and patent leather in the narrowed toe oxford evidences discriminating taste in style judgment. The tuxedo calls for dull black leather or patent, while full dress accepts nothing else but patent.

It would not be amiss to mention that the ownership of several pairs of shoes not only enhances one's turn-out, but also emphasizes economy. Three pairs of shoes worn on alternate days will last much more than three times as long as will one pair worn every day.

And so now fortified with this style information, let us step along the avenues of Smart Dress and Good Taste.



ANOTHER SCENE from the "Secret Studio," a film which is coming here shortly.

Men's Spring Hats are BRIM-FULL of Smart Style Pointers

Topping the spring styles for men, the hat has become an increasingly important adjunct in achieving a smart sartorial effect.

This is due as much to the growing importance of colour as to the requirement that the shape selected should be becoming to the facial type of the wearer.

Select Your Colour With Care.

A hat of the wrong colour, out of harmony with the rest of a man's turnout, will murder an otherwise smart effect. And in this connection the matter of complexion should not be lost sight of.

Some men can wear a green hat most becomingly. Others take on a cadaverous, seasick tinge the moment the green hat settles on their head. That is one reason so many men eschew the green hat in spite of persistent attempts to popularize it. They're willing to take any chances. But it all depends on the shade of green.

Light Grays and Tans Favoured.

The most popular colours will be very light tones of gray and tan, with a leaning to browns and pastel shades in other colours.

The snap brim hat with the raw edge will continue its present reign among the younger men for a time at least but there is increasing evi-

dence that the welt-edge hat worn with the brim up all around and a single crease in the centre will eventually take the lead.

The popularity of the hombourg hat is unabated among certain smart dressers, men who give a great deal of attention to the selection of the various articles of their attire.

The derby, too, is proving very much alive as a style item, especially among Eastern university men. Indeed, the vitality of this vogue is confounding many style authorities who affected to see in the recrudescence of the stiff hat a passing whim.

Brim a Trifle Narrow.

The principal changes observable in the new soft felt hats is the narrowing of the brim and a tendency to a sharper pitch in the crown.

The term "narrower" may call up visions of the scissored-off effect so jauntily sponsored by first-year men in certain leading universities. But the actual width generally accepted as correct for the coming season is 2½ inches, the 2½ inch brim being regarded as too narrow for the average face, and the 2½ too wide.

There will, of course, be certain stores offering all of these widths, to meet the demands of those

strong-minded persons who want what they want as they want it—and are never satisfied till they get it.

Fancy Bands Moribund.

Fancy bands on felts, according to the majority of authorities, have seen their halcyon days. Henceforth the plain band in harmonizing or contrasting colours will be most in evidence.

The points to keep in mind when selecting your new spring hat are: first, the type—whether snap-brim, hombourg, or welt-brim; second, the proportions most becoming to your face; and third, the colour in relation to your complexion and to the other items of your wardrobe.

Straw-Style Straws.

From present indications, there will be little change in the styles of straw hats. The sailor, or boater as the British call it, will maintain its customary supremacy, with the white leading the tans and brown shades by a wide margin. Coloured bands will continue in favour, but very careful dressers will give their suffrage to black.

Panamas, in the favoured optimo, telescope and fedora shapes, Leghorns, Milans and Bangkoks will be worn in about the same proportions as last year.



CLAIRE WINDSOR and TIM MCCOY in "THE FRONTIERSMAN"

A NEW THING.—Graphic scene from "The Frontiersman," a thriller coming to the local screen featuring Claire Windsor and Tim McCoy.



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MAUDLIN MAUNDERINGS.

[By the "Mall's" Madman.]

The other evening I ran across my punning friend, Ivan Knox, in Ice House-street but as he was busy dogging a rainbow-draped piece of femininity he merely nodded and continued the chase. About an hour later when he tried to dodge me in Wyndham-street I knew that his hunt had been abortive. He was then returning from the Punters' Club and had under his arm two books: "The Indian Wife-Tamer," by Bashir Hedin, and "The Rape of Helen," by Ida Dunnet. He offered to lend me "The Welsher," by Owen Bolt, but I declined. I then began to chaff my Don Juan about the Ice House-street spectum but he skilfully changed the subject by remarking: "Here we are in Wyndham-street; an hour ago it was Ice House-street; isn't that a true description of Hong Kong?" Not having the faintest idea of what he was driving at but suspecting it to be a preliminary to some vile pun I merely growled, "How?" "Well," he retorted, "isn't it a case of Wyndham-street after another?" I gazed at him more in sorrow than in anger and volunteered to go with him there and then to see a mental specialist, but my pleasantries were cut short by an ominous sound, and light heartedness gave way to concern. At first it resembled the unsuccessful attempt of a ship's siren to blow; then it grew louder and sounded like the crash of a mighty billow on a shore of loose shingle; later like the rasping and rattling of a dozen old derricks that had not been oiled for years; and finally like a ton of coals dropping from a great height on to a corrugated iron roof. Birds stopped singing, strong men stood taut with hands clenched expecting the worst, women prepared to faint, and men who had fought in France automatically ducked. Then it happened—the flower-seller spat. He had just been clearing his throat in the most approved Mongolian fashion and was sublimely unconscious of the commotion he had caused. I mentioned something about the crash of a forest giant but Ivan reproved me. "If you must use an arborescent simile," he said, "call it the 'Phlegm of the Florist'."

After informing Ivan that I would rather listen to a whole street of florists clearing their throats than hear one of his puns I made to bolt, but he gripped me by my alpaca coat and I, remembering the attenuation of that garment was forced, willy-nilly, to stand still, (for to be seen in Hong Kong with a torn jacket is as detrimental to one's social standing as being found fraternising with one's subordinates). He begged me to go with him to Tommy Garrigan's flat where several cronies were meeting to help Tommy to choose a name for his new dog. After extracting from Ivan an unwilling promise that he would perpetrate no more puns while in my company that evening I agreed to go. Ten minutes later two chairs dumped us at Garrigan's abode. We were not the first to arrive. Completely filling the big arm-chair was the imposing bulge of Tom Peddie sluicing down beer, while straddling in front of the grate with his back against the mantel-piece, as if the thermometer were at zero instead of eighty was "Long Woodie" puffing at his eternal pipe and exhaling cynical remarks. Briggs was there with his salacious yarns (where does he get them?), and Dipper with his gift of silence and his adenoids. Soon three others arrived making a dozen in all. Cock-tail followed cocktail, story followed story, incense to the nicotine Goddess ascended from pipe, cigar, and cigarette, eight o'clock had sounded and still no mention of the dog. Had Ivan hoaxed me? By half past eight Garrigan's boy had contrived in some miraculous way to spread a hot and cold collation for a dozen, and as the evening hour was come and the cock-tails had produced a spirit of camaraderie it did not require much pressing to persuade us to sit down. After dining and liquefying was indulged in a sing-song which ultimately degenerated into a competition in which each Stentor tried to out-bellow his neighbour. This might have gone on till we had ruined our voices had not Dipper, with his gift of silence and his adenoids, made the startling announcement that we had "assembled to dabe a dog." Orders were forthwith given to produce the pup. When it appeared we were in doubt as to whether it was a small dog or an overgrown rat, but the animal itself settled all

argument by emitting a juvenile sort of bark. It was a dog, Garrigan's assertion that it was a Nagasaki Terrier was greeted with roars of incredulity. Beyond all doubt the poodle was a hybrid. Peddie simply called it a mongrel, "Woodie" said it was an alloy, Dipper an amalgam, Briggs referred to the number of the branches on its genealogical tree, I thought my description, a synthetic dog, was neat, but Ivan's designation was voted best. He said it was a canine cocktail. The species being settled we had to fix on a name. Canine Cock-tail gave rise to such suggestions as Martini, Bronx, and Manhattan, but these were rejected as were also Heinz and Mixed Grill. The last name combined with the fact that the dog was of Japanese extraction decided it and we named it after a Japanese mixed grill, Sukiyaki (pronounced Skue-aki). Then the pendulum swung and Sukiyaki, an affectionate brute who after all was scarcely responsible for his ancestors, became an object of praise as alcoholic oracles indulged in platitudes about the wisdom and fidelity of cross-breeds. Wonderful stories, mostly inventions, were told about miraculous mongrels at one time owned by those present, but as everyone was fraternally inclined no one spoiled the fun by questioning his neighbour's veracity. After Sukiyaki's health had been repeatedly drunk the music, or rather the noise recommenced with greater intensity than ever and continued till midnight when an interruption occurred. From above, below, and around angry neighbours made a simultaneous attack on Garrigan's ceiling, floor, walls and door. On opening the door we beheld an irate gentleman in pyjamas. We invited him to join the company but he cast aspersions on our births and told us to shut up our blankety adjectival row as he wished to get to sleep. A soft answer proving unsuccessful in turning away his wrath we surrounded him and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" while Briggs tried to kiss him. He managed to break through our cordon and went off in high dudgeon muttering something about the Police. This in no way damped our enthusiasm and no one knows to what lengths we might have gone had not Dipper brought us back to sanity by remarking that it was "dot playing the gabe by Bobby Garrigan."

Briggs were applied, and after singing and drinking "A Wee Deoch An' Doris" we opened our lungs to full capacity in Auld Lang Syne. Most of the party were beginning to show signs of wear, but as Ivan and I were feeling comparatively fresh we hear-heard Garrigan's proposal of a motor ride round the island to clear the lungs and blow away the cob-webs. And so the three of us got into a "Pirate Car," a full moon in a cloudless sky made head-lights superfluous. Nearing Stanley we heard a weird melancholy sound, and as no one could guess the cause we went to investigate. There on a flatish piece of ground we found some Scottish enthusiasts—six pipers blowing their hardest at six different tunes what time their branny countrymen were indulging in antics one sees at Highland Games—wrestling, tossing the caber, and putting the haggis. We were enjoying the barbaric scene when a gigantic Caledonian detecting us approached and demanded: "Whut are ye Sassenachs wantin' is there nae preavacy on this island?" On Garrigan's producing a bottle of the "Cratur" the change of expression on the face of the Gael was wondrous to behold. Half the bottle made him semi-friendly. "An' hoo dae ye like the pipes?" he asked. "Grand," I replied, "the most inspiring music in the world." He seemed further mollified and I was congratulating myself on my tact when that ass Ivan as usual put his foot in it, this time by making some facetious remark about the drones of the pipes sounding like a million cicadas. That roused the fury of Gael. "Whut's that ye say about sick adders?" he roared. "Wid ye liken the Scotch tae snakes? Mebbie ye wid like tae ken hoo they sting." By this time his fist was drawn back and his big hairy jaw was shoved out belligerently. Ivan, whose classical profile was in grave danger of suffering the fate of the Parthenon, looked uncomfortable and it required all our persuasive powers, and the remaining half of the bottle, to convince the klitted Titan that Ivan meant to be complimentary. From tranquillity Donald changed to dialectics and began discussing Bannockburn and the Glasgow Rangers, but as an argumentative Scot is even more terrifying than a pugnacious Scot we inconspicuously fled, or as the Pentateuch would say, beat it.

LOCAL CENTRE.

FOR TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

A NATIONAL INSTITUTION.

In view of the fact that a centre of Trinity College of Music is in process of formation in Hong Kong, for the purpose of bringing the advantages of its examinations within the reach of residents in this locality, it may be of interest to our readers to give some particulars as to the growth of, and work done by, this now great and National Institution.

Trinity College, which was founded in 1872, is the oldest examining body for music. The original scheme of Higher Examinations was announced in 1873, and the first public examination held in 1874. At the present time more than 60,000 Candidates annually enter for its examinations. The College was the first musical institution to hold local examinations in music. Since these examinations were established, the College has examined over one million Candidates. Upwards of 650 Public and School Local Centres are established in the United Kingdom and the Dominions.

The income and property of the College from whatever sources derived, are applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the College, and no portion thereof is paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Corporation. About £5,000 is disbursed by the College annually in connection with (a) Scholarships tenable at the College (b) Local Exhibitions tenable at Local Centres, and (c) National prizes to local examination Candidates. To mark the Coronation year of King Edward VII, and to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of its own foundation, the College, in 1902, presented the sum of £5,000 to the University of London for the purpose of establishing a University Chair of Music. The Gift was accepted by the University, and His Majesty was graciously pleased to permit the use of the title "The King Edward Professorship of Music." The University elected as its first Professor the late Sir Frederick Bridge, C.V.O., M.A., Mus. D.; who was a Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of the College. The Royal Commission appointed in 1892 to consider the reconstruction of the University of London included the College among the institutions suggested as Schools of the University.

The Trinity College of Music Examination, which are doing a great work in helping to raise the Standard of Music, are now held in some twenty different Countries.

In another article it is proposed to say something about what has been done for musical education throughout the British Empire during the last half-century by Trinity College.

"SAFETY FIRST."

WOMAN INVENTS A "PEDESTRIAN'S LAMP."

Brighton, April 12.

Nervous women need no longer fear that they will be run over by motor-cars on dark nights. Mrs. J. S. Brown, of Southwick, Sussex, has invented a safety belt which, she claims, will remove all danger.

"I have been present at so many accidents at Hove and Brighton that I felt something must be done to lessen traffic dangers for those walking in the streets," she said. "I am convinced that in the safety belt, which I am now patenting I have solved the problem."

Mrs. Brown put on a tweed coat with two deep pockets. Then she passed round her waist a deep belt of white surgical webbing. Two cords connected the webbing with little pocket-shaped batteries, and she had made two deep buttonholes in the material at the back and front.

Electric Light Bulbs.

Through the buttonholes she has placed two tiny electric light bulbs, the front light a deep orange and the back one a beautiful clear ruby. Mrs. Brown controls these lights with a switch.

As soon as it grew dark to-night Mrs. Brown put on her safety belt and walked along the centre of King's-road. In front of her a lamp gleamed like a yellow diamond. Soft red rays came from the rear light.

The effect on motor-car drivers was somewhat startling. In their efforts to obtain a second glance at the unusual sight they almost added and swerved and made figures of eights with the wheels of their cars. Pedestrians stood on the pavements and gaped with astonishment. Taxicab drivers expressed a lively interest, and hailed Mrs. Brown with facetious remarks.

"I don't care what they say," Mrs. Brown stated. "I feel so absolutely safe walking along with my lights on, and I am sure this invention is going to be a great help to humanity."

PARADE DETAILS.

AT CENOTAPH, NOT THE VALLEY.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Owing to the weather and the state of the ground, the parade in connection with the celebration of H.M. the King's Birthday at Happy Valley has been cancelled and the "alternative parade" will take place.

At 9 a.m. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government arrives at the Cenotaph and will be received by a Guard of Honour of the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards with a royal salute. H.E. will then present a number of long service and good conduct medals.

Royal Salute.

A royal salute of 21 guns will be fired by 1st Mountain Battery, H.K.S. Brigade R.A., on Murray parade ground. At the conclusion of the 7th, 14th and 21st rounds of this salute, a "feu-de-jole" will be fired by a company of the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, facing the Cenotaph. At the end of the last "feu-de-jole," the whole of the national anthem will be played.

The troops will then give three cheers for H.M. the King.

A detachment of the Royal Air Force will then fly past.

The parade, headed by a detachment of the Royal Navy, will then march past in column of route, companies or equivalent units giving "eyes left" as they pass H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at the Cenotaph.

The route will be:—(starting point) junction of Queen's-road and Murray-road—Murray-road—Connaught-road—Hillier-street—Bonham-strand East—Queen's-road. H.K.V.D.C. and Police Reserves.

For the information of the Volunteers, the time of parade will now be 9 a.m. instead of 8.50 a.m. as previously arranged.

All Police Reservists who have been detailed for duty at Happy Valley on Monday are ordered to report instead for duty at or near the Cenotaph. They will fall in under their respective commanding officers in Chater-road opposite the Supreme Court at 8 a.m. sharp.

Long Service Medals.

The following will be the recipients of Long Service and Good Conduct medals at the Birthday Parade:—

First Class Warrant Officer:—Inspector W. J. W. Marshall, A.E.C. and Sgt. Major J. R. Marshall, R.E.

Second Class Warrant Officers:—B.-S.-M. J. Broadbridge, R.A., and Mr. G. E. F. Fogden, D.C.M., R.A.; Sgt. E. Davies, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Sgts. E. Leach and A. Barnes, 31st Heavy Battery, R.A.; Sgts. C. Clark, W. Burton and Hay, Jam. Muir, Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A.; Sgt. W. Bent, Royal Corps of Signals, and Lee, Sgt. E. C. Goodheart, R.A.

CINEMA NOTES.

LAURA LA PLANTE AT THE QUEEN'S.

Laura La Plante's latest picture, "Finders Keepers," which will be screened for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre, is an extremely funny comedy of army life, in which Miss La Plante plays the part of a general's daughter who has great trouble in persuading her father to give his consent to her marriage to a private. "Finders Keepers" is the comedienne's brightest effort to date, the scene where she impersonates a soldier being extremely well done under the direction of Wesley Puggles. John Harron plays opposite the star, while Edmund Breece of "What Price Glory" fame, also appears in a prominent role.

WORLD THEATRE.

Alma Rubens gives a striking performance as an international spy in "The Heart of Salome," which closes its season at the World Theatre to-day. Holmes Herbert is cast as a sinister manipulator of high finance while Walter Pidgeon is the hero. A thrilling sword duel between the two comes as a climax to an interesting series of events.

STAR THEATRE.

"Ankles Preferred," a picture also having its final screening to-day at the Star Theatre, is a lively comedy-drama of modern city life, and the troubles of a Miss 1928, whose ankles bring her more admirers than she can cope with. Madge Bellamy and Lawrence Gray fill the leading roles in this picture which was adapted to the screen from an original story by James Hamilton.

TO-MORROW'S COMEDY.

Rebe Daniels returns to the screen at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow and on Monday in her latest picture, "Stranded in Paris." The story itself is extremely amusing, being the adventures of a young girl who wins a free ticket to Paris, where she is mistaken for a countess, with diverting results ending in a big thrill. Ford Sterling, James Hall and Iris Stuart all contribute to the fun.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Finders Keepers."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Heart of Salome."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Ankles Preferred."

To-morrow—Concert arranged by Miss Stabbings, City Hall, 7.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Queen's Theatre: "Stranded in Paris."

To-morrow—World Theatre: "The General."

To-morrow—Star Theatre: "So's Your Old Man."

Lammerts' Auctions.

June 7—At Sales Room, household goods, 2.30 p.m.

June 8—Household goods, 1 and 4, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Sports.

June 16—American Mixed Doubles (handicap) tennis tournament, Ladies Recreation Club.

Meetings.

June 5—General meeting of Christian Brothers' Alumni Association, St. Joseph's College, 6 p.m.

June 7—Annual meeting of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, noon.

Miscellaneous.

June 4—Reception at Government House in honour of the King's birthday.

June 4—March Past at Cenotaph in honour of King George's Birthday, 9 a.m.

June 5—First of a series of addresses at Union Church Hall, Kennedy-rd., on the Old Testament, by Mr. J. S. Flacks.

November 18—Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

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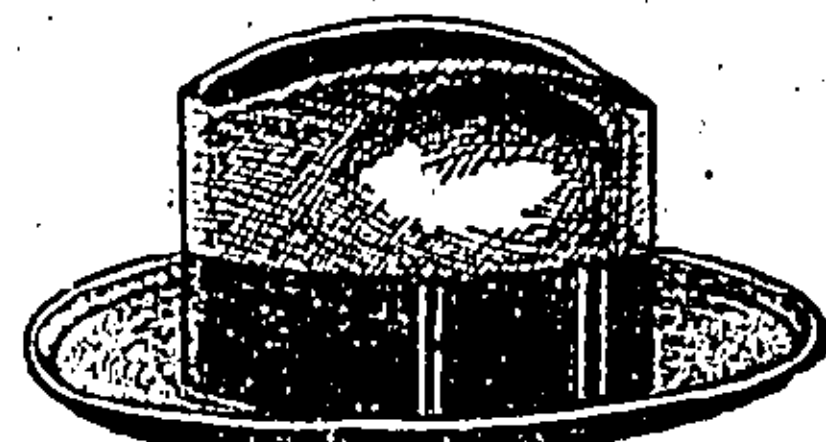
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PARROT

Mr. E. R. Price, after four years' service on the "China Mail," sailed for Home to-day on the "Hakusan Maru." Mr. Price is likely to return to Hong Kong, after his holiday, in another capacity.

The American Consulate-General, Shanghai, is interested in obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of Mrs. Ida Francis Minor. Information in this regard will be appreciated, by the consulate.

The U. S. Court sitting in Tientsin comprises Judge M. D. Purdy, Mr. Thurston Porter, U. S. Marshal; Mrs. T. R. Porter, Court Reporter; Mr. G. M. Howes, Clerk of Court; and Miss S. Tuttleman, stenographer.

News has been received that Dr. William Fletcher, formerly Director of the Institute of Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, is about to undergo an operation, and has resigned his appointment at the Colonial Office.—"Malay Mail."

A city-wide street-cleaning campaign was to be held for three consecutive days at Nanking from May 1. Mr. Ho Min-hung, Mayor of Nanking, was personally to sweep the streets of Nanking for three days. A very sensible example.

On the 6th ult. a Siamese youth was trying to teach his younger brother how to fly a kite, when the string came into contact with electric wires overhead. Giving the string an extra pull, he was electrocuted and died instantly, says the "Siam Observer."

Paris, Yesterday. — A message from Dunkirk states that a Chinese, Lan You-tien, said to have been engaged in recruiting adherents to the ranks of the Kuomintang, has been arrested on a charge of trying to force a woman to swallow a ball of opium.—Reuter.

Charles Macartney, the famous Australian cricketer, and Mrs. Macartney, recently landed at Southampton from the a.s. "Orlando" for a few months' holiday in England. Macartney said he did not intend to play cricket while he was there.

One year and three months' imprisonment was given to a hawker who last week stole a wallet from a compatriot in The Bund, Shanghai. He had seven previous convictions against him, and said: "I admit stealing the wallet. I have no money, so I am compelled to steal."

Upon receipt of a telegram from north China, the Chihli-Shantung Famine Relief Commission are reported by the vernacular press to have remitted \$20,000 through the Bank of Communications to their agents in the north, who state that thousands of people are dying of starvation.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, a Chinese lad appeared on a charge of being found on the stairs of No. 5, Austin-road, at 1 a.m. on Thursday. He admitted that he had gone there for the purpose of stealing. A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment was imposed.

According to information from foreign firms reported in the "Chefoo Daily News," all those formerly engaged in that particular business have been lately receiving orders by telegraph for hair nets and lace, consequently business is improving. But as the hair merchants from Honan are not arriving, the stock of hair is growing low, consequently prices are rising daily.

A correspondent of the "Singapore Free Press" complains, says "B.N.B. Herald," that whereas the price of petrol in England has been reduced to the equivalent of 44½ cents per gallon, in Singapore, within some 48 hours of extensive oil-fields, the retail price has just been raised to 80 cents a gallon. He may comfort himself with the thought that he is not one of the world's most injured ones; the price of petrol (retail) in Jesselton is now \$1 per gallon.

In the course of an address on Oxford and Cambridge boat race, the vicar of a country church, writes a correspondent, introduced a topical reference, and drew a moving picture of the Oxford crew, "their eyes fixed steadfastly on the goal," struggling dauntlessly to the end. Concerning this astonishing blunder of Oxford's (if the vicar's account be true), in towing the race stern first, there appears to have been a conspiracy of silence among the journalists present. On the same assumption, even the camera, which reveals the carmen of both crews, sitting with their backs turned resolutely to the goal, would seem on this occasion to have lied.

The Chinese gunboat "Chotung" has left Shanghai for Nanking.

Dr. J. Norman, of London, a well-known geologist, is on a visit to Kinta.

The British & Foreign Bible Society (Shanghai) acknowledges receipt with thanks of a donation of \$100 from A.R.C.S.

Opium and other narcotics confiscated by the Shanghai District Court, amounting the 6,682 ounces were burnt in the court compound.

Mr. G. J. H. Cartwright has severed his connection with Messrs. McAlister and Co., Ltd., and joined the staff of Messrs. Cobb and Co. at Ipoh.

A new phase has been introduced into radio in Osaka. Every afternoon now lessons in English are being broadcast suitable for students in their first year course.

H.H. Sir Vyner Brooke, G.C.M.G., Rajah of Sarawak, arrived in Singapore recently on board the "Princess Juliana" from Batavia, and proceeded to Sarawak.

In connection with the opening of greyhound racing at Luna Park, Shanghai, the Tramway Company had a special service of trolley-buses running from the junction of Kiangse-road and Avenue Edward VII to Ward-road.



Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who has been appointed by Gov. Fred W. Green to succeed the late Senator Ferris, as Michigan's Senator in Congress, Senator Vandenberg is a Republican and editor of the Grand Rapids Herald. He announced that he will be a candidate in the fall for the Republican nomination for a full term in the Senate.

Paris.—A masked burglar carrying a dagger raided (one night recently) the house of M. Rieglès, a wealthy French distiller, in the Avenue Gourgaud, but was put to flight by M. Montaux, M. Rieglès' son-in-law. M. Montaux surprised the burglar, who wore a velvet mask. "He was carrying a dagger in his right hand," M. Montaux said, "and struck at me. I turned the blade aside just in time and only sustained a flesh wound. The man then ran down the stairs and got away." The burglar had made an entrance from the roof, crossing by means of a ladder over a gap of 20 feet dividing M. Rieglès' house from the adjoining one. As the roof is 90 feet from the ground and the climb was done at dead of night the burglar must have been a man of iron nerve. Three watches are missing from a collection of jewelry and antiques. One, which was of white enamel studded with precious stones was a present from King George III to an Emperor of China.

Discussing "J.L.'s" letter to the "Singapore Free Press" suggesting the abolition of the jury system in Malaya the "Pinang Gazette" remarks: "He says that he has known of a number of cases where a European has been acquitted when a Chinese or Indian would have been convicted. Our experience has been the exact opposite. The jury system out here has resulted in farce because juries are mixed. A man should be tried by his peers; Chinese by Chinese; Malays by Malays; Indians by Indians; Eurasians by Eurasians; and European by Europeans. Juries lack the experience, wisdom and knowledge of a judge, but at home their verdicts are usually distinguished by sound sense and rough justice, and so long as judges are human and laws are inhuman we must have juries to decide on fact. It was the juries in England who put an end to hanging for theft by refusing to return verdicts of guilty; and if juries tried all criminal cases out here, there would be an end of the infamous law which punishes the homesick banished with penal servitude for life when he returns from exile to the old folks at home."

Captain J. W. T. Saunders, Deputy Port Officer, Penang, with his wife and children, will be proceeding to England on long leave. Captain J. C. McLeod will act for him during his absence.

Fishing off Malacca recently, Chinese fishermen caught a huge sword fish measuring about twelve feet in length, and weighing about nine piculs. It was brought into Malacca and put up for sale in the market.

George Baldwin, an unrecognized American, was charged in the Provisional Court, Shanghai, with having stolen electric current, the property of the S. M. C. He denied the charge. The evidence proved that he had "teed" into a line. He was given one month.

Mr. Y. Ikeda, the well-known Japanese journalist and sportsman, has tendered his resignation as a member of the "Toho New Agency," and left Shanghai last week with his family for Tokyo, where he intends to stay in future. It is understood that he is contemplating a political career.

Mr. H. E. Campbell, who has been in Shanghai for the past three weeks, is now en route for Home. Originally he intended to sail by the Empress but, but in order to see Old Bill (of which he is part owner) run in the Grand National, he joined his ship in Kobe, taking the fast Japanese mail steamer.

The Shanghai Japanese papers stated in recent issues that a Japanese Marine Court, which investigated the collision between the "Atsuta Maru" and the "Hsin Dah Ming" in February, as a result of which 300 lives are said to have been lost, found against the Chinese vessel, and exonerated the Japanese captain.

Interesting statistics as to the number and makes of motor cars in Shanghai are published in the "Municipal Gazette." Out of 4,500 cars, both public and private, Buicks still hold the lead with a total of 587, while Fords are second with 411. Morris cars (Oxford and Cowley combined) are well up on the list with a total of 396, while there are 301 Chevrolets.

Escalators for pedestrians at congested traffic points is one suggestion put forward by Mr. E. S. Samuel-Smith, C.B.E., president of the Commercial Motor Users' Association, who contributed to "The Daily Mail" inquiry into the causes of street accidents. He also called attention to the very large number of accidents that occur in streets where there are tramway lines. "The Daily Mail" inquiry was prompted by the fact that every day 14 people meet their death on the roads in Britain.

Seeing the world on a motorcycle is an ideal holiday, in the opinion of Miss Gwendolyn Adams, who last month set out from the Automobile Association headquarters in London for a 4,700 miles tour through France and Spain. Miss Adams, who speeds along without a companion, has travelled through France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Austria. Her present trip is being devoted to an exploration of Spain. She is 27 years of age and belongs to Ellesmere, Salop.

Berlin.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald sent a May Day message to the working people of Germany, in which he indicates how they ought to vote in the coming elections. He wrote: I hope that the workers of the German Republic will flock united round the Social Democratic banner, and that the coming time will bring them welfare and progress in an economic as well as in a political sense. The message was keenly resented by the hundreds of thousands of working men and women belonging to the Christian Trades Unions, who are always ignored by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his friends.

Mr. Basil Murray, the Liberal candidate in the recent Marylebone by-election, which resulted in a 6,138 majority for Sir Rennell Rodd, the Conservative, escaped forfeiting his deposit by 276 votes. Of the total 22,898 votes cast, Mr. Murray received 8,138, approximately one-seventh. A candidate forfeits his £150 deposit if he polls less than one eighth of the total. At the last election, when Sir Douglas Hogg (now Lord Chancellor) had a majority of 15,527 in a straight fight with Labour, the total poll was 38,091. Mr. David Eass, the Labour candidate, polled 6,721 votes. The Labour candidate "The Good Fight" made after the at the last election polled 8,782.

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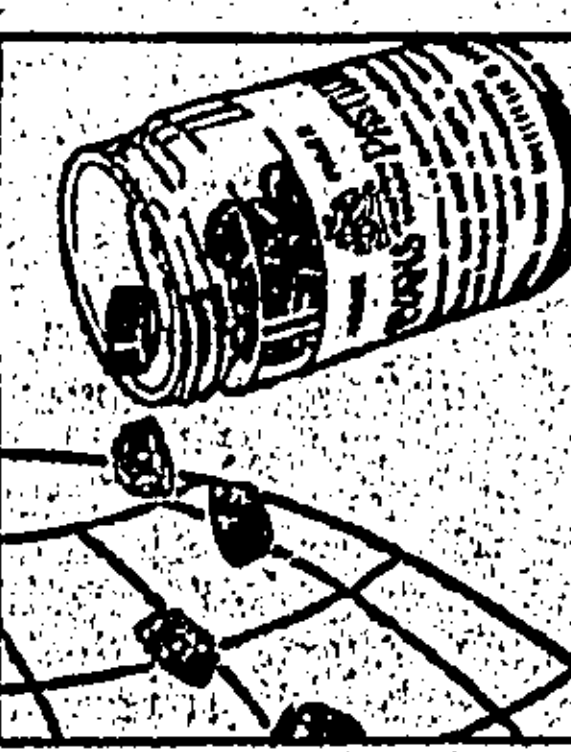
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Sport Columns

INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONG KONG AND UNITED SERVICES DRAW.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
In dull overcast weather Hong Kong drew with the United Services. In reply to Hong Kong's total of 206 the United Services made 359, a total which was helped by the fact that several catches were dropped. The chief scorers were Captain Quin (70) and Lieut. Moffatt (58), while Quik took 3 for 88 and Thorpe 4 for 72.
Hong Kong in the second innings made 201 for 7 wickets. Quik made 78, Musson 29, while Freshwater took 3 for 21 and Quin 2 for 40.—Router.

MERRY-GO ROUND.

SPORT FROM ALL ANGLES.

[By Edward Ward.]

Cricket having fallen out of favour somewhat owing to the slowness of the game compared with football, I diffidently submit a few suggestions for brightening it up a little.

It would be quite easy to alter the laws as suggested, and I feel sure that the matter has only to be brought to the notice of the authorities to be attended to at once. Write to your local M.P. about it. The chief complaints about the game are that the batsmen get far too little excitement and the spectator has nothing spectacular offered to him for his money. If, therefore, instead of having only two batsmen on the field at a time, four bowlers were provided; with two bowlers going at once, it would lighten things up and give the outfield men something to do.

Study the Fielders.
The fielders, instead of trying to catch the ball with their hands (a painful procedure which hurts sometimes and spoils their grip for holding pens to write their reminiscences) should be provided with large fishing nets to make their catches.

Overs, of course, are much too short (as are some pull-overs) and should be lengthened. During the interval a team of motorcyclists should be sent on the pitch to give a demonstration of trick cycling. This would help to keep things (including the pitch) from getting too flat.

It would also add to the excitement if there was a deep trench half-way between the wickets, which would prevent the bowlers from getting stale. The batsmen should be provided with long poles to help them clear the trench when making runs.

Cup Final Echoes.
Just one word about the Cup Final before it fades into the limbo of forgotten glories. In one of the morning papers on the day of the great Battle of the Roses appeared the headlines in adjoining columns: "How Huddersfield Might Win," and "Why I Fancy Blackburn."

As the farmer complained, after a day at the races: "I backed the horse both ways, yet the bookmaker wouldn't pay up when it lost."

The world's saddest man last week was the Blackburn enthusiast who set off from his home town to walk to Wembley and arrived just in time to see the greyhound racing.

For Honourable Mention: The only London newspaper which did not refer to the match as "the Cup Final."

I see that Winston expects to raise three and half millions from the betting tax next year, but a gentleman who runs a slip-and-run business on the pavement near Deansgate, Manchester, tells me he doesn't see how he can possibly do it.

Golf Terms Defined.
Golf club: A new golfer joins one and breaks many.
Holes: Eighteen made by the greensman and many more by the byro.

Plus Fours: Worn out.
A bad lie: "I did it in two old man."

Drive: A good one means a long walk.
Green: What a professional looks like when he doesn't get there.

Fore: A quack's "duck."
Bogey: A romance set to music by a war-time colonel.

Caddy: A dramatic critic.
Stymied: Husband whose wife says "Your golf has come between us."

A Guide to Football.
Here are a few football terms defined according to modern ideas:

Referee—A siffleur generally out of tune with the crowd when a miss is as good as a murder.
Linesman—A graduate in flag-wagging, unlicensed.

Goal—Strangely enough, it only takes one to make a score.
Transfer—Something that is apt to come unstuck.

At an amateur boxing contest at Geneva between Swiss and German representatives, several of the Swiss were found to exceed their weights. The Germans only agreed to box on condition that whatever the result the verdict should be given to them.

Several prominent racehorse owners have written to me (oh, yes, I know all the best people), stating that this is a very good idea, and they think it should be applied to horse racing.

A peep into other people's idea of sport, being an extract from a local paper: "After they had put out the flames the firemen played on the ruins all night."

As the old lady remarked: "They ought to be ashamed of themselves—fullgrown men like that having nothing better to do with their time."—"Athletic News".

FANLING GOLF.

WHITSUNTIDE COMPETITION RESULTS.

Results of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Whitsuntide competitions at Fanling have been announced.

Bogey Pool.
G. H. Bell (18) won the Bogey Pool. He returned a score of all square. Other scores were: O. E. C. Marton (scr.) 1 down, F. A. Merry (12) 1 down, R. K. Valentine (9) 1 down.
There were 28 entries.

Medal Pool.
Twenty entered for the Medal Pool, in which the best score was made by G. H. Bell, 90—18=72, but having won the Bogey Pool, he could not take the Medal prize, which therefore went to Major D. W. Beamish, with a card of 88—15=73. Other scores: F. A. Merry 88—12=76; R. Young 86—9=77.

Best Ball Medal Round.
The winning score in the Best Ball medal round was made by Colonel Bostock and Major Beamish with 76—11=65. Other scores: W. D. Brown and F. D. Pearce 83—11=72, A. D. Humphreys and T. G. Weall 86—13=73.

FOR TO-MORROW.

Starting Times on the Old Course.

Starting times have been drawn for the R.H.K.G.C. old course at Fanling to-morrow as follows:—
9.24 a.m., Dr. Masquiere, J. S. McEachran.

9.28 a.m., A. Leach, C. C. Stark.
9.32 a.m., G. E. Ellams, S. T. Butlin.

9.36 a.m., C. Thwaites, G. W. Sewell.

9.40 a.m., A. E. Lissaman, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.44 a.m., E. C. Frederick, A. D. Humphreys.

9.48 a.m., T. L. Christie, H. A. Lammer.

9.52 a.m., E. R. Hallifax, A. N. Other.

TWO-EYED STANCE.

GERMANY'S ASPIRATIONS FOR FIELD EVENTS.

[By Fred W. Parker.]

Within three months the Amsterdam Games will be in full swing. While our own recognised tests—the Amateur Championships—are yet a long way ahead, other nations are taking time by the forelock.

What are described as the "final tryouts" for German field event aspirants have been held at Ettlingen, near Karlsruhe, and one result has given early corroboration to my suggestion in these columns to the effect that Germany would flutter the doves of the best at Amsterdam, and that 50 ft. would be insufficient to win the weight. One Herschfeld, an East Prussian, put the 16 lb. shot a distance of 16.89 metres, thus beating the Olympic record of P. Macdonald made in 1912, although not quite so easily as the cable announcing the result claimed. This gave the record of the curly-headed American at Stockholm as 14.995 metres, whereas the official figures were 15.34 metres.

Translated to English measurements Herschfeld's put was equal to 50 ft. 6 in.; 2 in. better than Macdonald. And Germany, remember, has not yet won an "athletic" event at any Olympiad, although at Stockholm Braun in the 400m. and Liesche in the high jump were beaten by the narrowest of margins.

The first man to reach 50 ft. in the weight was the burly Ralph Rose, of America. He did this fairly enough in practice for the London Games of 1906 a day or two after landing.

A Prodigious "Put."
Rose put 50 ft. at Stockholm, beat it soon after in America, and

holds the world's record of 51 ft. as passed by the International Federation. But will it survive the Amsterdam assault?

Here figures often fail to convey to the lay mind a full appreciation of their significance. An illustration may help to a realisation of Rose's record put of 51 ft. It means that delivering the shot from the popping crease of a regulation cricket pitch he would drop the 16 lb. of solid metal within 7 ft. of the further popping crease; near enough to enable a batsman with a fairly long reach to take it on the half-volley, if—to quote Sarah Camp—he felt so "disposed."

As previously pointed out in this column, weight-putting is a branch of sport that appeals to comparatively few of our native athletes. It is a pity for many reasons. Quite apart from any question of aspiration to athletic fame there is no finer exercise, or one that does more for physical development, than putting the shot. It is within the reach of almost everyone, and it can be continued with benefit years after ordinary athletic activities have ceased. A "shot" costs but very few shillings, and any rough bit of ground—even the "waste" end of a suburban garden—will suffice for the purpose provided the 7 ft. circle is fairly level. If desired a 12 lb. shot could be purchased instead of the regulation one of 16 lb.

Properly applied, practically every muscle is brought into action. The reason so many fall is the unconquerable temptation to watch the flight and fall of the missile after delivering it. It is pitiful to watch a whole field of competitors at minor meetings adopting the "two-eyed stance" and putting the shot without getting any weight or body-swing behind it. Their action resembles that of a batsman "pushing" a straight ball back to the bowler.

Whether putting with a view to becoming a successful competitor, or merely as a physical-culture course, the shoulder and body-swing should more closely resemble that of making a hit to leg, bringing the back, loins and hip muscles well into play. For many years I rarely missed a day without having a few turns at the shot with one or two others. Merely for the exercise. We had no aspirations, although each of us became able in due course to beat some of the poor winning performances occasionally seen. It can be strongly recommended as a fine physical exercise for young and middle-aged alike. And among the former a potential champion might easily discover himself in course of time.

Sorry "Sport."

Interest in the so-called great race across America seemed to have petered out when it was revived by the news that on reaching a Missouri town—roughly two-thirds of the journey—the advance guard were pelted with eggs by the citizens of a town which had been "outbidden" for the privilege of being the nightly stopping place of the whole caravan.

No one imagined that the contest, with its big money prizes and heavy expenses, was being run from motives of philanthropy and sport alone, but this evidence that the needs of weary and footsore runners are entirely subservient to the outcome of haggling between advance agents and enterprising townsmen removes the race from the category of sporting events.

On this side the chief regret will be that so fine an athlete and sportsman as Arthur Newton forfeited his amateur status for what has proved to be so sordid a "stunt."

GREAT TRINITY.
WILDE, DRISCOLL AND LEWIS.

[By John Fearless.]

Who was the greatest British fighter in modern glove history? This eternal question was discussed by a crowd of experts at the National Sporting Club during the luncheon hour. Some argued that Jim Driscoll was the greatest ever; others handed the laurels to Jimmy Wilde; whilst Kid Lewis found strong support.

Everybody's opinions are entitled to respect. Valid reasons can be advanced upholding the claims of each of the trio. Jimmy Wilde was undoubtedly a wonder. Imagine a frail-looking youngster scaling first-class fly-weights, bantams, and feather-weights!

It is said that in a gymnasium at Aldershot during the war the "Mighty Atom" knocked out a well-known light-weight, and also stopped a cruiser-weight champion.

I was told the story by an eyewitness, a famous R.S.M., and he chuckled with glee when recounting the story.

Jim the Artist.
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No more courageous fighter ever rubbed boxing shoes in resin. And it will always remain a miracle where Wilde found the power to reduce opponents to impotency.

Driscoll was the most accomplished artist I have seen. Admirers of Packy McFarland and Pete Herman will probably disagree. "Peerless Jim" was a master boxer and a relentless fighter. He combined both qualities to a fine art.

Had the Cardiff boxer lived a steady life he would never have suffered defeat. The poetry of motion in action, he mixed brains with brawn, and it was impossible for him to give a really disappointing display.

Driscoll's classic contest with Abe Attell in New York is still remembered in U.S.A., and the critics who saw his amazing skill are never tired of classing him as one of the greatest glove gladiators the ring developed.

Moran and Summers.

Kid Lewis was a daring fighting machine. The Jewish boxer possessed extraordinary stamina and natural fighting qualities. Lewis was a smaller edition of Jack Dempsey, and had the faculty of the will to win.

Even in the autumn of his career he fought with all the confidence of a champion, and for sheer scrapping intelligence he had few equals.

Like the majority of champions, Lewis earned big money and spent it lavishly. He must have collected over £100,000 with his fists, yet a year or so ago a benefit had to be tendered him to relieve financial embarrassments.

Owen Moran was another relentless battler. The Midlander was fearless, and would have just as soon tackled Jack Johnson as he did Batling Nelson or Ad Wolgast. Moran was another Britisher who kept the Union Jack floating above the Stars and Stripes while in U.S.A. He is still as physically fit these days as when he was tackling the world's best bantams and feather-weights.

Johnny Sommers possessed a punch that made him a terror, but the Canning Town boxer depended more upon his hitting qualities than any pretensions to skill. Also, he was inclined to be impetuous, which caused him to lose at least one important fight.

Nowadays, Summers is employed at Buck's Club, a rendezvous for the Corinthians of sport, and so fit is he that recently he wanted to make a "come back" attempt.

I was pleased that Johnny did not pursue his desire, because there is always an element of tragedy watching champions of yesteryear trying to reproduce the form they exhibited in their palmy days.

Among the clever school of boxers there were none superior to Billy Plimmer, Pedlar Palmer, or Joe Bowker.

Strategic Bowker.
Each has his admirers, but according to my judgment, which the late Mr. "Peggy" Bettinson shared, Bowker was the Napoleon of the strategic school.

The Salford boxer is meeting Johnny Hill in an exhibition bout at the N.S.C., and I fancy that the former world's bantam champion will astonish the present British fly-weight titleholder.

A good fight is promised at the club when Alf Mancini opposes the French star, Ivan Laffineur. The foreigner may bring off a surprise.

Kid Nicholson (Leeds) and Mick Hill (London) have been selected to box for the Londonale bantam-weight belt. They appear to be the best of a moderate crowd.

Domestic servants in these days seem to think they occupy some sort of privileged position. Judge Harrington.



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"DRAGONETTES."

PITHY PARS. FROM "THE YELLOW DRAGON."

The May number of Queen's College's little magazine, "The Yellow Dragon" has just been published, and from its sprightly contributions we cull the following paragraphs:

We notice that there are two or three expert musicians in Class I. Should they fail in Matriculation it is rumoured that suitably disguised, they will earn their living as "Sing-Song Girls."

The Tennis Tournament is now arranged and it is only the weather which is holding up the matches.

We congratulate Lo Tang-fan, an old boy of Queen's College, now of Gray's Inn, for having passed Class 2 in Criminal Law and Procedure.

Our Headmaster is in a dilemma. Two football clubs have asked him to be their President, but as they are rival organisations he cannot very well be President of both; nor can he accept one of the Presidencies without offending a host of his admirers in the other camp. These two teams are composed of lads who reside in Q.C. district, lads who being too proud, too independent, or too lazy to work have formed themselves into two rival football clubs named "The Hollywood Hooligans" and "The Aberdeen Dribblers." Both intend using Q.C. lower playground as their playing pitch, entrance being by way of the wall, first come first served. Out of consideration for Mr. Crook, who is extremely popular with these young Apaches, they have promised not to use the playground in school hours.

From what inexhaustible reservoir does Mrs. Stubblings draw her energy? During the Summer Session when the temperature and humidity both try to reach ninety most of the teachers find themselves almost played out at the end of the day—lethargic, limp, listless, dejected and drowsy as the hard word say—but not so Mrs. Stubblings. The Lady of Class 4 has been responsible for the introduction of a piano into Queen's, and is now teaching Western music to young Easterns.

To attempt such a job at anytime requires enthusiasm and optimism; to tackle it in Hong Kong's Summer is heroic. We take off our hats to Mrs. Stubblings.

"K.W.I." and others have several very interesting contributions and allotment. The magazine is most creditable to all concerned.

MEDICAL RAY.

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An important communication has been made by Professor Philibert, the head of the bacteriological section of the Paris Faculty of Medicine, to the Academy of Science, on the subject of a new method of bacteria destruction by a metallic volatilising lamp. This lamp is the result of research on the part of Mr. J. Courtier and M. J. Risler, who occupy high scientific posts at the Sorbonne.

The lamp is described as being made of extremely fine aluminium threads, which burn explosively under the action of a strong electric current. The rays emitted

from it are of greater intensity than ultra-violet rays and approximate to the wave-length of X-rays. It is claimed that the lamp, without necessitating the extensive installation of high-tension current required for X-rays, provides a mechanism for the production of rays of great therapeutic value, relates the "Morning Post."

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"MAIL" REVIEWS.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

[The Clash of Culture and the Contact of Races by G. H. Pitt-Rivers George Routledge and Sons, Ltd., London. 18/- net.]

Every decade or so, more or less silently, there slips from the press a great work—not one of the best sellers or publishers' catches; these come with flourish of trumpets. But the great ones come, like the Kingdom of Heaven, not with observation. Indeed some of those of previous decades, *The Origin of Species*, *Physics and Politics*, etc., seem scarcely to have been assimilated yet, or are, like the origin of species anathema or on the *Index-Expurgatorius*.

The Clash of Culture is an arresting and penetrating study of a very perplexing problem. But the careful analysis of the problem, the sociological and psychological allotment of blame so far as there is any, may all curtail rather than increase the popularity of the book. People like to read what they wish to be told. And some of this is not very pleasant reading for the European.

The Great Sociological Problem. Walter Bagehot has left us a very shrewd remark which might almost be taken as the fundamental query of this whole problem:—"Savages did not formerly waste away before the classical nations, as they do now before modern 'civilised nations'."

Mr. Pitt-Rivers' special sphere of study is with the Polynesian and Melanesian peoples. The frontispiece is the figure of a lonely girl from Aua Island with the inscription "where the sun sets on a vanishing race." Here is a group of peoples, the Polynesian and Melanesian in particular, who are vanishing away before our very eyes. What is the cause or causes of this?

One by one Mr. Pitt-Rivers analyses the various causes usually given—clothes; intoxicating drink; head-hunting; sexual vices; infanticide; &c., &c.—but they don't account for it.

Some have insisted that the Polynesian was a dying race long before the European came on the scene, and that his doom was sealed. But a careful examination of the evidences of population in the various islands when they first came in contact with the European shows that this is not the case. In fact it affords overwhelming proof that the population in most of the islands was inclined to exceed the optimism, and that the systems of infanticide, &c., were carefully introduced methods to keep the population at an optimum where the food-supply was necessarily limited.

But now all this is changed. The young women are childless; the old ones, listless. The young men have lost their interest in life; and the old ones simply wait for death. The problem is neither social nor sexual; hygienic or sartorial. It rather seems to belong to that deep psychological stratum from which all of these flow. A kind of racial megrims has eaten out the vitals of the people and left them an etiolated and infertile race.

Several things seem to be contributory causes of this:—

(1) *The prohibition of polygamy.* Polygamy, or to be more correct, polygyny has had a large following as a marriage system among the great masses of mankind. But when the white man and the missionary came in contact with polygamous peoples they insist, within the limits of their sway, on its ostensible abandonment.

Here is an account of Archdeacon Maunsell trying to instill his monogamy into a Maori Chief.

Archdeacon Maunsell (through an interpreter):—"Say to Paora (the Chief) that the bad custom of 'having two wives is still going on' amongst his people and that I want him to give me a solemn assurance that he will in future 'do everything in his power to stop it'."

"The Maori Chief:—"Tell him that by our custom when the wife of a Maori becomes pregnant, her husband ceases to have intercourse with her: that she is carefully put away until her child is born and baptised."

"Tell him that by this custom the Maori is enabled to grow a 'race of chiefs, of noble and handsome men and women, physically and mentally strong, a race of 'rangatira and tohunga.' "Tell him" (Paora had now risen to his full height and his voice vibrated with the passion and eloquence of racial pride) "that whereas the 'birds of the air and the beasts of the glades cease to pair when the female is fertilised and for long intervals, to my certain knowledge the Pakeha (the white man) with his model one-wife system continues to occupy the same apartments till within a few nights of the birth of a child. Such a practice as that is to the Maori most abhorrent, and I will not advocate it, come what may."

(2) *Tapu.*

Not only has the native's marriage system been interfered with, his sorcery, his tapu, and consequently the power and influence of the Chief have been undermined.

Listen to Mr. Best, one of the greatest living authorities on the Maori:—"The coming of missionaries and other Europeans to New Zealand led to the breakdown of 'the institution of Tapu, and the weakening of the influence of the chiefs. The missionaries strove to abolish tapu, and did so to a great extent. They destroyed it as a corrective force, as a highly useful element in the life of the people. Apparently no missionary ever studied or understood this 'remarkable institution, and so they knew not the harm they were doing. In the end we saw the Maori, like a rudderless ship, drifting passively, aimlessly, hopelessly, down the stream of life."

(3) *Sorcery.*

Sorcery went in the same way as tapu. It was forbidden by the law of the white man. And what was to take the place of the native sorcerer? The white sorcerer, or missionary. He is only a poor ineffective shadow of their own. But whereas the native sorcerer is imprisoned or punished, the missionary is given by law the "monopoly and sole right to practice what from the native's point of view is only an alien and competitive magic—a magic which has for its object not the preservation but the loosening of all clan bonds. Neither is the comparison merely captions. The missionary professes in many ways to work precisely the same class of wonders as the native sorcerer. He blesses the armies and the Government of the white people in his churches; he effects cures by enjoining faith just as the native sorcerer does by reciting magical formulae; he forgives sins and grants indulgences; he tells the natives of the miracles worked by priests and saints in the old days; he blesses the crops and invokes supernatural aid to stay plagues and epidemics; and also, like the native sorcerer, he receives and even asks for offerings." (page 208).

Despair and Sexual Impotence. With the social function of the sorcerer is bound up the power of the chief. Thus the whole bonds of clanship are gradually loosened and decay. In the wake of the missionary has come the trader. A new economic system, exploitation of labour, foreign laws and regulations—has come to birth. "It has destroyed his tribal life," the prestige of his chiefs, his morality, his pleasures, his beliefs, his hopes, the cement of his society "and the very meaning of his life." "It has, with clumsy dogmatism, meddled with his sex life, destroyed his tapu system, and freed him 'only from the old fears which made him loyal to his corporate group. It has left him with new fears and suspicions, and a helpless incapacity to control his own destiny, while it bids him mimic the culture-forms he can never make his own."

Is it any wonder then that these people have shown the symptoms of the caged animal. Authorities on the physiology of sex have remarked on the curious sensitiveness of the reproductive system. Animals of the wild which seem in other ways healthy enough simply will not reproduce in their new conditions. They gradually fade away and pine. Listen to the articulate utterance from the aged Maori. He can put into words what the zebra can only show by its manner:—

"Once numerous, now diminished and dispirited, our women no longer bear many children, and our villages are emptying. White men brought us wonderful things—white bread which looked good, but when eaten swelled and blew out our stomachs, and we were sick—he also brought us diseases which killed many of us. He brought us Christianity, and we accepted it—but he broke our tapu—and our mana left us."

We can heartily recommend this book to all those interested in the sociological problems which face the white races.

BIRTH-CONTROL.

Mr. Cecil Palmer has just published a very interesting book on "Some More Medical Views on Birth Control," which is edited by the well-known authority on this subject, Norman Haire, Ch.M., M.B., and contains articles by eleven authors, including the Editor. The various authors are all well-qualified distinguished members of the Medical Profession, including Sir James Barr, Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, Mr. Aleck Bourne, Miss Jane Lorimer Hawthorne, Miss Jacobs, and Dr. Hamblin Smith, and many others.

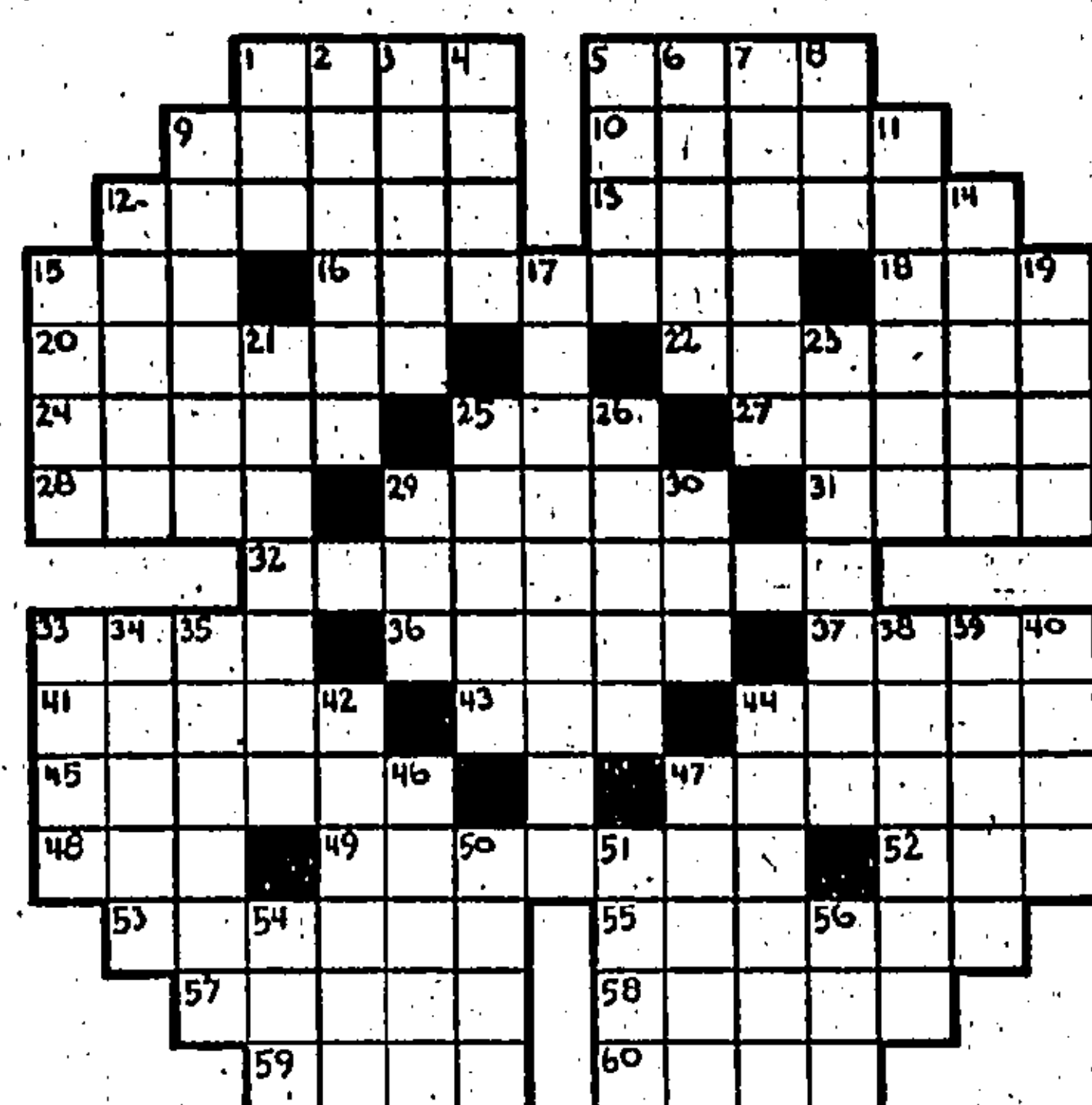
Dr. Haire informs us that in 1926 Sir James Marchant published a book "Medical View on Birth Control," which consisted of nine articles by doctors, all of which were definitely opposed to Birth Control. Even in this book, one or two only are really opposed to it, whilst the majority are indifferent to it. The layman is given the impression that the medical profession consider the birth-control movement to be a moral and physical danger to the community. This is not so. The Medical Profession is sectioned into three classes in this direction: (1) those who are definitely in favour of birth-control; (2) those who are definitely against it; and (3) those who are indifferent. To the first class belong the old fashioned doctors of the early Victorian era, as is seen by the details given in *Who's Who* of the writers selected by Sir James. They include Schaefer, Horder, Crichton-Miller, Giles, and others—all born between 1845 and 1885.

The Editor in this volume has definitely selected his writers from those definitely in favour of Birth Control, and those who occupy an intermediate position, as he considers this a companion volume to Sir James Marchant's book, where the inclination is obviously opposed to birth-control.

It is admitted that none of the writers has had any considerable experience of contraceptive practice, although they are distinguished members of the Medical Profession. However, to remove this objection, there are included in this book, four doctors who have had a wide and long experience of Birth Control: they are Aleck Jacobs, Hannah Stone, Jane Hawthorne, and Norman Haire. For the rest, Sir Arbuthnot Lane is a Surgeon; Sir James Barr, a Physician; and these are well known advocates of birth-control: while Mr. Aleck Bourne, a Gynaecologist; Dr. Edgar, a Psychologist; Dr. Goddard, a Medical Officer of Health; Dr. Hamblin Smith, a Criminologist; and Professor Crew, a Biologist, and Eugenist; who have not taken a previous part in any prominent controversy, now "air" their views. Three of the contributors are in the seventies, one in the sixties, two in the fifties, one in the forties, and three in the thirties. The Editor strikes a keynote which is

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Make trim
- 2—Snare
- 3—River embankment
- 10—Egg shaped
- 12—Feast
- 13—Most dreadful
- 15—Exclamation of irony
- 16—U. S. Secretary of Navy in World War
- 18—Sharp noise
- 20—Whirlpool
- 22—Negligent
- 24—Interior
- 25—Short sleep
- 27—Rain and snow mixed
- 28—Adjusts
- 29—Insanity
- 31—Bums up
- 32—In an irritating manner
- 33—Prefix meaning "around"
- 36—Engraved stone
- 37—Apprehension
- 41—Onward
- 42—Boy

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44—First mayor of New York after Revolution
- 45—Destitute
- 47—Flat part of a ship's bottom (pl.)
- 48—Consumed
- 49—Portuguese islands
- 52—Dead language (abbr.)
- 53—Fur-bearing animal
- 55—More illustrious
- 57—Meaning
- 58—Narratives
- 59—Passed away
- 60—Poems

VERTICAL

- 1—Wooden pin
- 2—Dagger
- 3—Slacken
- 4—Sharp
- 5—Knob
- 6—Afflictions
- 7—City of the Apostle Paul
- 8—Feminine of saint (abbr.)
- 9—Acquired knowledge
- 11—Caught sight of

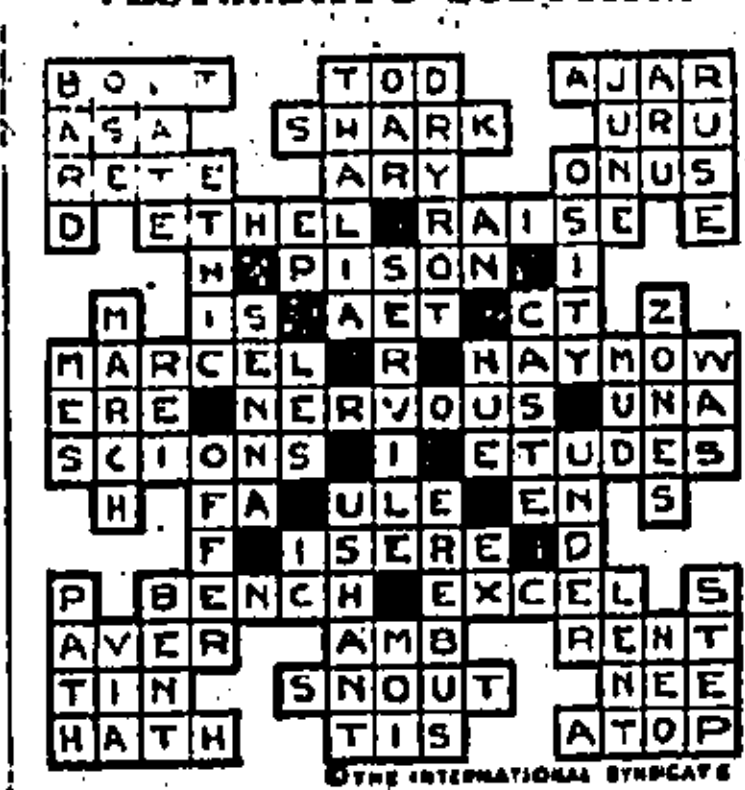
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—River in Switzerland and France
- 14—Harmonized in shade
- 16—French for advice
- 17—Lifeless
- 19—Fendles
- 21—Putting to proof
- 23—Sportive
- 25—Pertaining to the nose
- 26—Consumed in languishing
- 29—Prefix Son (Scot.)
- 30—Gone by
- 32—A state in Brazil
- 34—Puff up
- 35—Cowboy funmaker
- 38—Large bird (pl.)
- 39—Close by (poetic)
- 40—Peace
- 42—Sign of the zodiac
- 44—French for "devil"
- 45—French for "dance"
- 47—Wide
- 50—Legal paper
- 51—Inclusion
- 54—Pertaining to Middle Ages (abbr.)
- 56—French article (pl.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



unmistakable, that physical and mental health are considered of first importance. Religious doctrine and so forth, are not entertained. Dr. Haire bases his philosophy of life on reason, and not on superstition: he states that he is a Rationalist, and a Hedonist. He then writes: "It is essential for the understanding of my views on Birth Control, that the reader should clearly grasp that my aim is the attainment, and the increase of human health and happiness." The errors of not keeping strictly to scientific and medical facts are emphasised, and he points out common faults in this direction among well known and respected authors on this Subject. Various authors are severely criticised for trying to fit in various views with their own pet fancies, and often contradicting their own statements in different parts of their work. It is pointed out that Giles says that fibroid tumours of the uterus occur only during sterility; a statement which has not been proved, and which on investigation appears to be the reverse; that it is more common in married women, sometime after pregnancy. He condemns the view that contraception produces sterility, and gives good reasons.

As regards contraceptives, Dr. Haire states that there are at least a hundred different kinds, some of which may or may not be harmful. He points out in no uncertain tone, that it must not be thought that a large family means non-use of contraceptives; and the reverse means a regular use of them: he backs up his statements with facts. His wide study of this Subject in Great Britain, the United States of America, Canada, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France,

Austria, South Africa, Italy and Australia, show that in most marriages some attempt at contraception is made either regularly, or intermittently. Then he gives us a very interesting personal illustration of the unhappiness of large families, described in a very telling way, he himself being one of a large family.

He states that infantile mortality increases with increase of family, and points out the distinction between birth-rate, and the number of children born.

Dr. Haire describes carefully, an ideal, almost fool-proof pessary, which has been in use on the Continent for forty years. Full details as to how to use it are given.

It is definitely stated that voluntary sterilisation by operation is legal in England, providing the patient is legally capable of giving consent, but it is carefully emphasised that such should not be carried out without adequate reason.

In Part Two of this volume, Sir James Barr condemns the absurd views of the Church, which he considers unkind, and irrational. He states that the thought of possible pregnancy often makes certain

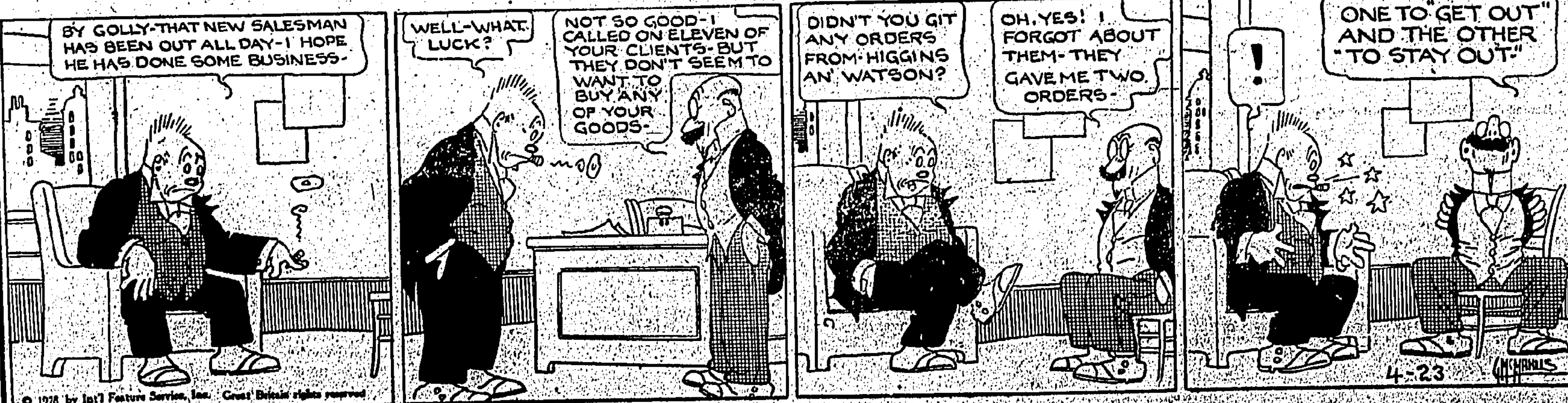
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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

"MAIL" REVIEWS.

(Continued from Page 14.)

types of women refuse marital relations to their husbands, and this gives rise to unhappy married life. Sir James closes with this remark: "We must teach economic laws and eugenics as the basis of birth-control." Then, perhaps, our populace will do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, and everyone will love his neighbour as himself, and not his neighbour's wife.

Mr. Aleck W. Bourne, F.R.C.S., writes in Part Three, that above all, a doctor is the best and really the only reliable exponent of Birth-Control. He discusses at length on the advantages of Birth Control and anticipates its practice becoming universal and permanent. Dr. Bourne deals with the subject from two aspects: (1) conditions which are rendered dangerous by the complication of pregnancy and labour, and for which contraception is permanently necessary; and (2) conditions for which contraception is temporarily or permanently advisable, because of the additional ill-health, caused by child-bearing. At length, this Author discusses the pros and cons of these two aspects in a simple straightforward manner. He then deals with methods of contraception. In his General Considerations, he gives his own personal views to the effect that a sound doctor would refuse help to such people who try to evade the normal responsibilities following marriage, and only help those who were medically unfit.

Part Four is written by Dr. Crew who is a Gynecologist, and he deals with the subject from a prospective and from a moral standpoint; and states that there is no medical view on Birth-Control, but that this knowledge belongs purely to the Specialist. He candidly states that he is giving his own point of view with lack of finality, being unwilling to wish to lead anyone anywhere. He believes, however, that contraception will increase in spite of all State or Church propaganda, and goes so far as to say that such opponents of these practices are fighting a hopeless rear-guard action as they retreat into the fastnesses of oblivion. He deals with the Subject, not as a militarist, not as a nationalist, neither does he take the theological nor the Naturalist's view, but that of an Open Mind, revealing the bare truth. He believes to some extent in free love, which he says should be openly recognised.

The sociological point of view regarding too large a population is worked out clearly. Crew definitely states that no woman should become pregnant against her wish; pregnancy should not be feared, but only welcomed. He states that at present there is no absolutely harmless, and reliable contraceptive appliance. The Professor says in his conclusion that the time will come when the churches, all the churches, will sanction contraception, it being recognised that this is one of the means by which the life that is, may be made as magnificent as the postulated life hereafter.

Dr. Eder gives us a valuable contribution to this subject in Part Five in which he points out the dangers of nervous disorders, and their frequency due to practices carried out owing to lack of proper knowledge of Birth Control, and carefully works out Freud's theories, and discusses the Maltheusian Methods. In this Section, the Subject is not dealt with from a politico-economical, and statistical point of view. It is stated on scientific lines. One fact stands out above all others, that one emission from one male, provides more than sufficient sperm to fertilize all the nubile women in the British Empire. He discusses biological facts quite frankly, and informs us that they may only be formulated in terms of ethics or religion. Anthropological research is also referred to.

Helene Deutsch's views are stated in brief, as are Darwin's. He states that the advocates of contraception have to contend with two important opponents: the biological; and the psychological. However he discusses at length on the psychology of birth-control.

As a Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Goddard in part Six says he would not broadcast his knowledge on this Subject, but would definitely confine himself to the advice, assistance, and sanction given by doctors. Concrete examples are given of the dangers of pregnancy in certain diseases.

Miss Hawthorne speaks with a clear voice in Part Seven, and emphasizes the fact that birth-control does not mean the prohibition of the birth of children, but the desire to do away with the birth of children under improper conditions, which leads to the production of unhealthy weaklings. The lady doctor informs us that abortion is one of the greatest crimes of the present day, and that it is the duty of every self-respecting citizen to try and ameliorate the conditions which lead to such horrors. Dr. Hawthorne impresses upon her readers that a lower birth rate means a higher moral state, and less disease.

Next are discussed in detail the bad and useless, and the good and efficient methods of birth control. It is stated that semen not only probably contains a sedative, but also a hormone, promoting growth and development.

As an introduction to Part Eight, the Editor gives a very interesting biography of its Author's Aleta Jacobs, M.D. It is to her investigation in 1882 that we owe the introduction of a contraceptive method which was at once harmless, effective, and easy to use, and is known to-day as the "Dutch" Method. Dr. Jacobs first describes how she made her discovery, and why she sticks to the use of the Mensinga pessary, which is widely used in Holland. A very interesting story is related of her practice at her clinic, and in private, and she speaks plainly and openly on all the aspects of the factor she is dealing with. Statistics are given to show the advantage to the State and to the individual, of contraceptive methods. She says that in every normal woman the desire for motherhood is so insistent, that contraceptive methods are only really used to prevent unwanted babies. It is shown that with a decrease in birth-rate, there is also a much greater decrease in death-rate so that the population is actually getting bigger. Dr. Jacobs indicates how venereal disease and immorality have been actually reduced by the practice of contraceptive methods, and advocates its use.

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane gives his opinion on this important subject in Part Nine. He admires Margaret Sanger in America, and Marie Stopes in England for their gallantry. He thinks that no method of contraception is certain, but expects that it will come in

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time. Then, he says, trial, and companionate marriages will be helpful in avoiding misery, incompatibility, & divorce, so frequently associated with marriage as it exists to-day. That the death of cant, hypocrisy, and Mother Grundy, will be an immense addition to happiness and health, is certain, is Sir-William's candid opinion. He believes the law must be brought up to date, and altered to suit conditions of to-day, and no longer consider abortion a crime.

Dr. Hamblin Smith, who is Prison Medical Officer and Criminologist in Birmingham, and also in London, states in Part Ten, that there is a movement to-day for the imparting of what is termed "sex enlightenment." He states that birth control has been practised from time immemorial, as infanticide, artificial sterilisation, abortion, postponement of marriage to a later age, or avoidance of sex relations in marriage: all these points are dealt with at length in a number of pages, and should be read by all. This doctor emphasizes that the sexual act is largely psychological, and not so much physical.

Miss Hannah Stone, M.D., of New York, is the last of the writers, and her view is most appropriate as a finale to what has been said before. Dr. Stone tells us that the U.S.A. birth control movement dates back to 1912; that the law of America forbids the mailing of anything concerned with contraception, which makes propaganda very difficult. The Law is reprinted in extenso. The State even prohibits the use of contraceptives. Dr. Stone drops into the error of talking at length, without giving any details as to how contraception can be carried out, but she finishes well by stating that Medicine to-day strives to be preventive rather than curative, and scientific Birth Control is one of the finest expressions of preventive Medicine.

I would advocate that everybody in Hong Kong should read this valuable volume on Birth Control, which gives an accurate statement of things as they are in the life of humanity.

Dr. Haire is to be complimented upon giving to the World, such a contribution to the literature on this Subject, and at such a low price.

(This work carries more weight than that of Dr. Marie Stopes, as this is written by doctors of Medicine, whereas Marie Stopes is not a doctor of medicine, but of philosophy and Science.)

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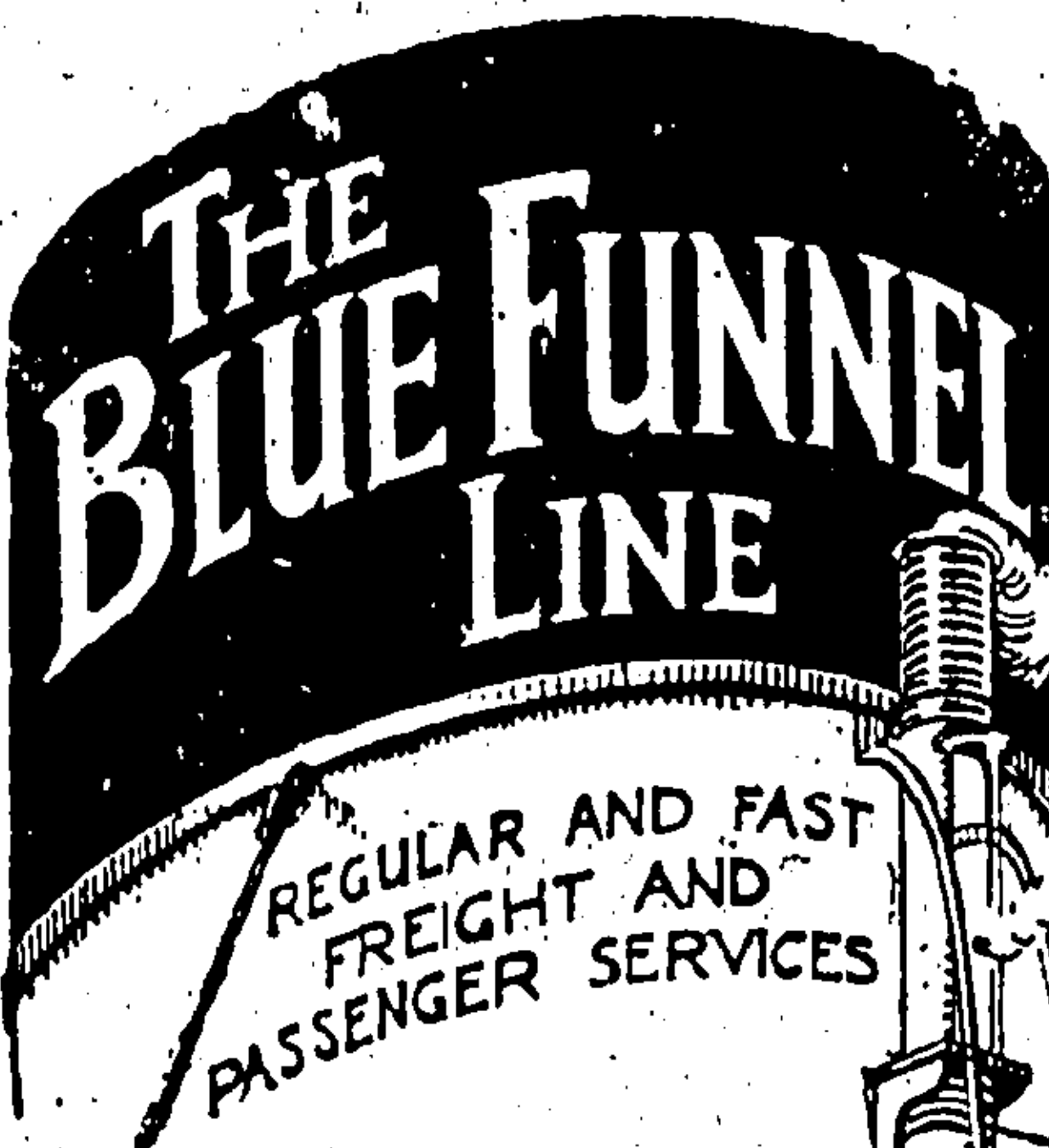
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Further Relief Measures.

STILL NO NEWS.

Amundsen to Lead Another Important Expedition.

Moscow, Yesterday.
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The ship "Perseus" has been instructed to search the region between Nova Zembla, Franz Josef land and Spitzbergen and also the north coast of Russia.

A message from Spitzbergen says that Amundsen has planned an expedition to relieve the "Italia". It will be financed by the American explorer, Lincoln Ellsworth, and is now en route to Oslo.

The expedition will use an aeroplane.—Reuter.

RELIGIOUS RIOTS.

WHAT THE SLAUGHTER OF A COW LED TO.

POLICE FIRE.

Simla, Yesterday.
Six Sikhs were killed and 4 wounded, and 2 Mohammedans killed and 5 wounded in a riot in the Mallpur district of Ambala. The disturbance arose from the slaughter of a cow under the licence of the district authorities. The Sikhs attempted to prevent the sacrifice.

Fighting broke out in which these casualties were suffered, and the police were obliged to fire to quell the disturbances.

The Sikh head constable, while returning alone from Rupar, was killed by the mob.—Reuter.

PHOSGENE GAS.

EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT ON RECENT BURST.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The expert Committee of Enquiry have reported on the burst phosgene container at Hamburg to the effect that it belonged to a store of old war material, not all of which was destroyed under the Peace Treaty, as permission had been granted to have certain material retained for industrial purposes.

The Committee state that there has been no breach of the law relating to war material committed as no phosgene gas had been manufactured by the Stoltzenberg Co. Nevertheless, the Hamburg Senate are taking steps to destroy the remainder of the war material.—Reuter.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

NEWS CONFIRMED AS TO LANDING.

Karachi, Yesterday.
It is confirmed that Captain Jimenez and Captain Iglesias have been forced to land at Nasiriyah near Ur of the Chaldees.—Reuter.
[Much anxiety was felt in official circles owing to the lack of news of the fliers.

When the start was made on Tuesday, it was understood, that they were flying to the East, commencing a flight round the world. They are in a Breguet single-engine plane, with a 600 h.p. Hispano-Suiza engine.]

A FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, Yesterday.
Subscriptions for the 5 per cent. Consolidation Loan have now totalled 18 billions of francs.—Reuter.

APPOINTMENTS.

To-day's "Gazette" announces the following appointments:—
Dr. Phoon Seck-weng to be a Member of the Midwives Board for a term of three years, with effect from May 25, 1928.
Dr. James Stobie Dykes to be a Member of the Dental Board, with effect from May 26, 1928.
Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Eaves, D.S.O., to act as First Police Magistrate, with effect from May 22, 1928.

TO HAWAII!

The First Lap Accomplished.

ALARMING SIGNALS.

Honolulu Reached After Airmen Lose Their Way.

Honolulu, Yesterday.
The "Southern Cross" has arrived.

New York, May 31.
The message from Oakland, California, stated that the Australian airmen, Captain Kingsford Smith, and Mr. Charles Salm, both of whom were formerly pilots in the Royal Air Force, accompanied by two men, formerly in the U.S. Navy, have started in a three-engine aeroplane, named "The Southern Cross" for a 6,000-mile flight to Australia.

The first lap will be 2,100 miles to Hawaii.

New York, Yesterday.
Signals from the Southern Cross stopped abruptly at 10.05 p.m. local time last night. The last words before the interruption were "hit air pocket."

Lost Bearings.

San Francisco, Yesterday.
A wireless message has been received from the Southern Cross at 11.23.

She is communicating with the steamer "Makiki," from which she is trying to get bearings.—Reuter's American Service.

All But Lost.

Honolulu, Later.
Wireless played a notable part in the 2,100 miles flight hither from California.

The greatest anxiety was felt throughout the night when the machine lost its bearings and groped over the wastes of the Pacific with the pilots desperately watching their diminishing petrol gauge.

They wirelessed with their waning battery, striving to speak to some passing ship.

The American destroyer "Richmond" eventually got into contact after which the aeroplane soon made Honolulu and arriving on a sunny morning, was greeted with a chorus of syrens and a large cheering crowd.

Specimens of the messages picked up from the "Southern Cross" in sequence were:—"Land sighted," "No land we have been fooled by clouds; can stay up four hours longer," "guess we are lost," "got bearings from the 'Richmond,'" "land sighted; just enough oil to make it."—Reuter.

TO FIGHT OR RUN.

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It is understood that a circular telegram is being drafted and may be issued to-night, ordering the cessation of hostilities. Tentative measures are being arranged for the formation of a committee of public safety during the evacuation.

Hostilities to Communism.
The Foreign Ministers were accompanied by their military attaches and some of their secretaries.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin, in a short speech, assured the Ministers that he had not come to Peking owing to an interest in politics or to ambitious motives, but because of his hostility to Communism.

He had striven, he said, his hardest to overthrow the Reds and he still hoped that opposition of the Chinese to the Reds will continue, and that Communism will never gain a hold on China.

Mr. W. J. Oudendijk, K.C.M.G., the Dutch Minister and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, replied, thanking Marshal Chang Tso-lin on behalf of the Ministers, for the protection accorded to foreigners.—Reuter.

Protection of Tientsin.

Peking, Yesterday.
There have been no new developments in connection with the Tientsin Concessions during the past few days.

An official of the Japanese Legation, interviewed by Reuter, states that all the Powers are co-operating for the defence of the Concessions, holding a defence line near the boundaries; but if disorderly mobs should advance toward the Concessions the foreign troops might move out further to meet them.
An official of the United States

OIL BLAZE.

Breaks Out at Bombay.

500,000 GALLONS!

Standard Oil Petrol Ablaze: Other Huge Tanks in Neighbourhood.

Bombay, Yesterday.
Firemen are working frantically to localise a fire which has occurred in the Standard Oil petrol tank containing 500,000 gallons. There are other huge tanks vicinity.—Reuter.

A PRINCE'S BRIDE.

DAUGHTER OF JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO U.S.A.

RETURNING TO JAPAN.

Washington, Yesterday.
With elaborate preparations for her wedding with Prince Chichibu completed, Miss Setau, to-day left for Japan accompanied by her parents.

President Coolidge yesterday received the Setaus and discussed the forthcoming marriage with great interest. He wished the prospective bride all happiness and good luck.—Reuter's American Service.

IT PAYS!

PROOFS OF ADVERTISING WORTH.

Hong Kong business firms might do worse than take a leaf out of the American book, if only because it is a volume which is being published also in other lands.

"In the Federal bankruptcy courts in Los Angeles, California, 92 per cent. of business failures for the past financial year were non-advertisers. From a survey of records over 32 cities of the United States it is found that 83 per cent. of failures are among firms which did not advertise. To turn to the constructive or positive side—there is a significant hint in a report from Troy, New York, where there was not a single failure among firms that advertise."

Of course, it pays to advertise; but it must be done with brains.

Legation declared that the 15th U.S. Infantry would co-operate with the other foreign troops in the defence of the Concessions. It is understood that the U.S. Marines can only be used within the Settlement.—Reuter.

Special Trains Leave.

Peking, Yesterday.
Four special trains left Peking for Mukden last night and four this morning with the families of prominent Manchurian officials. All code telegrams are subject to censorship.—Reuter.

Northerners' Retreat.

Peking, Yesterday.
A message from Tientsin states that General Chang Tsung-chang has ordered the Northern forces on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway sector to carry out a general retreat.—Reuter.

International Train.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Kuo Min news agency states that the Diplomatic Corps in Peking intend to run an international train from Peking to Tientsin daily, starting from June 1. It adds that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has moved his headquarters from Haichowfu to Tchow.—Reuter.

IN SHANTUNG.

Japanese Returning Their Prisoners.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
According to official despatches to the War Office, the commander of the Japanese troops at Tsinan has arranged to hand over 1,000 Southern prisoners to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, also 65 who were proved to have committed outrages to be handed over to the Chinese Police.—Reuter.

Tension Easing.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Owing to the improvement in the situation at Shantung, Imperial sanction has been obtained to cancel the despatch of the transport battalion of the Nagoya Division and also to demobilise the transport reservists owing to the approach of the busy season in the agricultural districts.—Reuter.

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